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President's Message:

The early August doldrums have descended – on the birds, and on birders as well. When Karen and I wander around our backyard, the cicadas and katydids dominate our soundscape. OK, an occasional male Northern Cardinal still sounds off, and our resident Blue Jay clan clatters on occasion, sounding like a gang of 8 year old kids – screeching, verbally (and probably physically) pushing and shoving each other around the bushes and trees. Even our resident Gray Catbirds have stopped their chuckling and wheezing; we both miss that whiny meow they exclaim when we get too close to their preferred thicket.

But we're not complaining, well, not too much anyway! Happily, there has been one very consistent songster, who has been launching into song at totally unpredictable intervals, all summer long. Living here for 40+ years, it's a first: A resident, breeding Carolina Wren and family, livening up our summertime. Every day for weeks the male has bounced around our property, running through his entire (very large) repertoire, sometimes extemporizing and back blending different phrases, plus showing off his considerable imitative abilities, whistling like an oriole, chuckling like a catbird, doing a great imitation of a Tufted Titmouse, grunting like a…well, I don't know what. I wish now I'd had the foresight to record his vocalizations to see just how extensive they might be.

When I hear him, I can't help remembering that 50s rockabilly classic by Eddie Cochran "Summertime Blues." I suspect some of you out there reading this might also have grown up hearing this song. But if you didn't, here's an excerpt from those memorable (but perhaps not grammatically pure!) lyrics:

"I'm gonna raise a fuss, I'm gonna raise a holler…
About a workin' all summer just to try to earn a dollar
Every time I call my baby, and try to get a date…
My boss says, "No dice son, you gotta work late"
Sometimes I wonder what I'm a gonna do…
But there ain't no cure for the summertime blues!"
Songwriters: Eddie Cochran and Jerry Neal Capeheart.
Lyrics © Warner/Chappell Music, Inc.

Numerous bands have covered this classic over the years. In my mind's eye, our Carolina has been carrying on that cover tradition in his own way, adding a lot more flourishes and crescendos, like a jazz musician extemporizing on an 'oldie but moldy', say Miles Davis playing "Summertime" from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Yet there's a lot of truth in these lyrics from the wren's perspective – he surely has been "workin' all summer" and it's also true that he's "gotta work late!" For him, probably, 'the livin' ain't easy'. OK, I'm done with the lyrical analogies!!

And there's a happy ending to our Summertime Wren. Thanks to our birding friend (and IOS Veep) Urs Geiser, we know Mr. Carolina and his partner fledged at least one youngster. If it's a male, I wonder if dad will playback the Summertime Blues for him?

No President's letter is truly complete without a pitch, so I'll make one, on behalf of Illinois Young Birders. IOS's ILYB subsidiary is up to 58 members. But as you might imagine, that number is dominated by ILYBers from the north end of the state. What can you do about that? If you live in central/southern Illinois, spread the word in your local community that ILYB is a place for young birders to congregate and collaborate. We know they're out there! And step up and be a trip leader for ILYB – we need you! Check out the ILYB website http://illinoisyoungbirders.org/. Then contact Matthew Cvetas, Chair of the ILYB Oversight Committee at <info@illinoisyoungbirders.org>

Robert Fisher

Letter from the editor ...

What Meadowlark does for you, what you can do for Meadowlark

Dear friends and IOS members,

You love to go birding, don't you? And everyone does it differently – sometimes there are arguments about the best way to bird, how to compile a state list, whether a photo is indicative of a certain species and a host of sometimes unpleasant disagreements all in the name of "birding."

Here's what IOS does in the name of birding – and though you might not be behind every single activity IOS does, you can be certain that we are motivated to educate others about birds and conservation as well as get you out into the field to find all those great species you seek and learn better ways to find them.

As the inaugural editor of *Meadowlark*, I have seen IOS go through many changes, some for the good and some for the not-so-good, depending on whose opinion you seek. We've got a website now, and we're working on digitizing past issues of *Meadowlark*. How we do that is already changing as well.

What I have not seen change is how valuable information continues to come via this quarterly journal – information that for more than 23 years has been produced to be used by ornithologists of today and of the future as well as birders of today and the future.

What's most difficult for me is trying to get that philosophy across to the larger birding community. Here's what you get, no matter what kind of birder you are – do you love bird art? We are the only state journal that has consistently used high-quality art work on our covers since Day 1. You can frame this art and turn it into a wonderful wall hanging.

Do you like looking at bird photos – reminiscing about what you saw last year or trying to learn more about identification? We have, again, in my opinion, some of the best state bird photography out there.

Do you believe in science? We continue to publish articles from Illinois researchers who receive grants from IOS to study the birds we love, maybe even finding out something that can help the rare ones.

Do you want to know what kind of birds you'll see, where and how common or uncommon they are? Go to the field notes – find the name of the bird you want to see and read the entry. You'll be amazed at how much information is there.

Finally – I want you to know – this is NOT easy. It is very time consuming. It involves many, many hours of labor and there's really not a lot of ego involved in those who do the most work to produce *Meadowlark*. Trust me. It's true. What I see from these people who work so hard to help produce *Meadowlark* is the joy and the love of birds that I hope come out in every issue.

We are struggling right now to keep up with deadlines – Why? Because, quite frankly, there aren't a lot of Illinois birders who want to take the time to do this work we do. I understand. Everybody chooses what's most important to them. But if you believe in *Meadowlark* and IOS, please email me and tell me what you can do to help. Here's a quick easy idea – simply write several paragraphs about one of your favorite little birding spots and why. I'll help you fill out the rest.

We need your support and your help – for the good of the birds and the future birders.

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Characteristics of recently used or reused Red-headed Woodpecker cavity nests in Cook County, IL

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INTRODUCTION

Red-headed Woodpeckers (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*, RHWO) have a range that spans from the Rocky Mountains through the Midwest to the Eastern Seaboard and extends from Southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba to the Gulf Coast (Smith et al 2000). Most of the central, midwestern, and southern United States have RHWO that are year-round residents, while RHWO breeding farther north migrate and overwinter in Texas and Louisiana (Smith et al 2000). While once abundant, RHWO populations have declined by more than 50% since 1960 across their entire range (Saur et al 1999, Smith et al 2000). This rapid decline has prompted the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN 2013) to classify the RHWO as near-threatened, and the species also has been listed as a "common species in steep decline" by the Partners in Flight (Rich et al 2004). Potential reasons for RHWO population declines include habitat loss (King et al 2007), interspecific competition for nest sites (Ingold 1989), and vehicle collisions (Mueller 2001).

RHWO rely on cavity nests, which they create in their breeding habitats in order to rear their young. Excavating cavities represents a large energetic cost (Weibe et al 2007), and RHWO that successfully fledge offspring from a particular cavity are more likely to reuse it the following year compared with cavities where fledging is unsuccessful (Smith et al 2000). There also is evidence that RHWO will excavate a new cavity on a previously used tree, which may minimize the energy expenditure required to search for a new nest tree in the event that a given cavity becomes unsuitable (Smith et al 2000, Weibe et al 2007). Regardless of whether the original RHWO excavator reuses the cavity, these cavity structures can persist in their environment for long periods of time, and may be reused in subsequent years by RHWO or by other species of cavity nesters (Brush 1983, Smith et al 2000). However, RHWO may have limited access to cavities over time due to interspecific competition, and limb or whole tree loss due to extreme decay (Reller 1972, Ingold 1994, Edworthy et al 2012). Here we examine levels of cavity re-use and the fates of RHWO cavities in Cook County, IL, as potential factors related to the observed decline in the RHWO population. The objectives of this study are to identify levels of RHWO cavity reuse; identify the characteristics of nest cavities and trees (e.g., cavity size and height, tree diameter, level of tree decay); and evaluate if any particular characteristics are related to long-term cavity use. We first compiled historical data on a subset of RHWO nest trees in Cook County that were active during 2010 - 2012 that we then visited in 2013 to collect data. We predicted that the proportion of nest-site reuse would be low because overall population declines suggest that fledging success might be low, and that trees with active nest use in 2012 with long periods of uninterrupted occupancy prior will have the highest reuse in 2013. We also predicted that trees with nests used over long periods of time would be larger and less decayed in 2013 than those containing nests with shorter duration of occupancy, because for a tree to be persistent over long periods of time it must be structurally stronger. Since RWHO cavity heights vary greatly in other areas (8.3 m in Colorado (Sedgwick and Knopf 1990) to 17.5m in Virginia (Conner 1976)), we expected that cavity height would be of little importance to cavity nest reuse as it is likely related to the tree community available.

Red-headed Woodpecker

Photo by Barbara Baird

By increasing our understanding of the long- term habitat needs and implications of nest tree selection, we hope to clarify some of the ways in which land managers can promote the long-term nesting of RHWO while minimizing the risks of nest loss and fledging failure. By determining which types of cavity trees are suitable for long-term use, we also hope to highlight characteristics of active nests that may merit extra monitoring and protection to encourage successful fledging and thereby minimize the need to excavate a new cavity in subsequent breeding seasons. Under the expectation that increased length of cavity tree use corresponds with increased fledging success, providing and monitoring long-term nesting substrate for RHWO may be a stepping-stone toward identifying factors that will enhance population recovery.

METHODS

Our study was conducted in Cook County, IL, in habitats that included patches of forested areas and large city parks with manicured grass (Figure 1). Cook County is a highly urbanized area covering approximately 2,400 km2, with a human population greater than 5.2 million (US Census 2013). Land use in the county reflects a dense human population, as mueh of the area consists of residential and commercial development. Cook County also has a large network of city parks and forest preserves operated and maintained by various municipal organizations and which offer more than 30,000 ha of potential habitat for wildlife (Nowak 2010).

We used reports from the Bird Conservation Network (BCN) and the Audubon Society Chicago Region to identify the locations of RHWO nest trees that were reported as active at least once between June and September, 2010-2012. We evaluated these datasets on several conditions: trees had to be within Cook County and have at least 4 RHWO sighting reports at the same tree over a one month period during the primary breeding season (late April-late June or early October, if a second clutch is fledged (Fisher and Johnson 1997, Smith 1972). In some instances, reports explicitly noted nesting behavior. We visited all reported trees to determine whether there was an excavated nesting cavity present on the tree. If a clear cavity was present, we considered the repeated reports during breeding season to indicate an active nest. If no clear cavity was present, we discarded the site.

The fate of 18 RHWO nest trees was checked in 2013 and recorded. All nest site locations used in this analysis were restricted to the 14 parks and forest preserve sites at which we were assessing RHWO cavity characteristics in summer 2013. For nest tree information collected from the BCN database, we recorded the year of initial reports for uninterrupted annual use that began between 2001 and 2012 and ended between 2010 and 2012. Data from the Audubon Society included nest sites first identified in 2012.

We determined if each reported nest tree contained an active RHWO nest in 2013 by conducting site visits. The fates were categorized as "active", "usurped", "fallen" and "unused". During site visit, active cavities were determined based on the presence of RHWO within the immediate area, and the presence of sawdust at the base of the tree which results from modifying the cavity and foraging for food on nearby branches. If we observed another species using a cavity on a documented RHWO nest tree (a usurped cavity), we noted which species it was. "Fallen" trees included trees where the entire tree or cavity branch had fallen as well as trees with bases that were clearly unstable and therefore unusable. If there were no indicators of use by any species of cavity nesters in 2013 and no obvious structural damage, cavities were classified as "unused."

At each nest tree, we measured diameter breast height (DBH) and determined the decay class using a scale of 1-5 to identify how much of the tree was alive (1=100% living, 2=<50% dead, 3=51-99% dead, 4=100% dead with branches and bark still intact, 5=snag based on a modified Maser et al (1979) scale). Frequently there were multiple excavated cavities on a nest tree, so for each cavity located on the tree, we estimated the size class (small=3 cm, medium=4-8 cm, large=8-40 cm, extra-large>40 cm) and height of each cavity from the ground, and noted the location of the cavities on the tree (the trunk, on a branch leading directly off the trunk (a 'primary branch'), or from a branch leading off of a primary branch (a 'secondary branch')). No data on tree characteristics were available prior to our data collection in 2013.

We analyzed the cavity and tree characteristics (cavity size, cavity height, DBH of the nest tree, number and location of cavities on the nest tree, and the decay class of the nest tree) to determine if any of these factors were associated with how many years of RHWO nesting activity was documented and the ultimate fate of the nest tree in 2013. Spearman rank correlations between DBH and cavity location, between DBH and length of cavity use, and cavity height and length of cavity use were done because the data did not conform to a bivariate normal distribution (Zar 1999). A Chi-square test was done on the location of the cavity on the tree to test the null hypothesis that cavity location was evenly distributed between trunks, primary branches, and secondary branches. Multinomial logistic regression was performed to determine the predictive effects of cavity height, cavity location on the tree, DBH, and decay class on the overall fate of the cavity tree in 2013 (active, usurped, fallen, or unused). Unlike standard logistic regression, multinomial logistic regression allowed us to compare multiple discrete tree fates across a full model set including the aforementioned predictor variables. All statistical analysis was conducted using R 3.0.0 and mean ±SD values are reported.

RESULTS

From the databases, we found records of 18 trees across Cook County with reported RHWO activity between 2010 and 2012 that matched our criterion for field site locations (Table 1). Reports of cavity-tree reuse ranged from 1 to 12 consecutive years. We considered trees that were active for 7-12 years to be highly persistent in their environment. There were 29 excavated cavities total on the reported trees, and between 1 and 4 excavated cavities present on each cavity tree, for a mean (±SD) of 1.66 ± 0.85 cavities per tree. All of the excavated cavities were medium sized (4-8 cm diameter), and mean cavity height across all cavity-trees was 7.10 ± 1.56 m. Most cavities were located in a primary branch (48.3%), and then the trunk of the tree (27.6%) or in a secondary (24.1%) branch, although the location of cavities was not significantly different from random ($\chi 2 = 2.333$, df = 2, P = 0.311); and, when multiple cavities were present on one tree, they were almost always (88.9%) clustered within 2 meters on the same branch. There was a significant relationship between the location of the cavity and tree DBH, with cavities located on primary and secondary branches tending to be in larger trees compared with trees with cavi-

ties on the trunk (ANOVA, F=8.000, df=1,16, P=0.012), and trees with larger DBH tending to have cavities located higher on the tree (Spearman rank correlation, rs =0.64, P=0.004).

Cavity tree fate in 2013

Overall, tree cavity reuse in 2013 was low. Only one of the eight highly persistent (7-12 years of use) RHWO cavity trees reported in the BCN database was active in 2013. Two of the highly persistent nest trees were unusable in 2013 due to tree or branch fall that occurred sometime after September 2012, since there were reports of RHWO activity at that time. Of the 14 nest trees reported active in 2012 only five (35.7%) of these trees were also actively used by RHWO in 2013 (located only in the forest sites at Salt Creek Woods and Bemis Woods). Half of these 14 trees were first reported in 2012, and reuse of those trees in 2013 was 42% (three of seven trees, Table 3). Six cavity trees (33.3%) were classified as "unused." The RHWO cavities at the Lincoln Park and Montrose city parks were the only trees where we directly observed nesting activity by other species using the cavity, and a passing birder informed us that European Starlings (Sturnus vulgaris) were using the cavity tree at Wolf Road Prairie.

The location of the cavity on the tree was the factor most strongly related, although not significant, to the fate of tree cavities in 2013 (df = 13, z = 1.661, P = 0.097). Three out of five active trees had cavities which were located on the trunk (60%), and the other two active trees had cavities on primary branches. None of the active trees had cavities located on secondary branches. All of the cavities where RHWO were ousted from their nest by other species were located on primary branches. The fate of three out of four nests with cavities on secondary branches was classified as "unused" (75%). Multivariate logistic regression showed that neither cavity height, cavity location on the tree, DBH, nor decay class was significantly related to the categorical cavity fate in 2013.

Length of cavity tree use and tree characteristics

We found that nest trees that were used for shorter periods of time (≤ 6 years) were slightly, but not significantly, more variable in their DBH than the highly persistent trees (Figure 2a, F7,9=0.355, P=0.186). There was no statistically significant relationship between the DBH of the cavity tree and the length of cavity-tree use, but there was a slight negative trend, but not significantly, for longer-used cavities to be found in smaller trees (Spearman rank correlation, rs =-0.36, P=0.145. Figure 2a). There was not a significant relationship between mean cavity height and length of cavity use (Spearman rank correlation, rs = -0.25, P=0.318, Figure 2b).

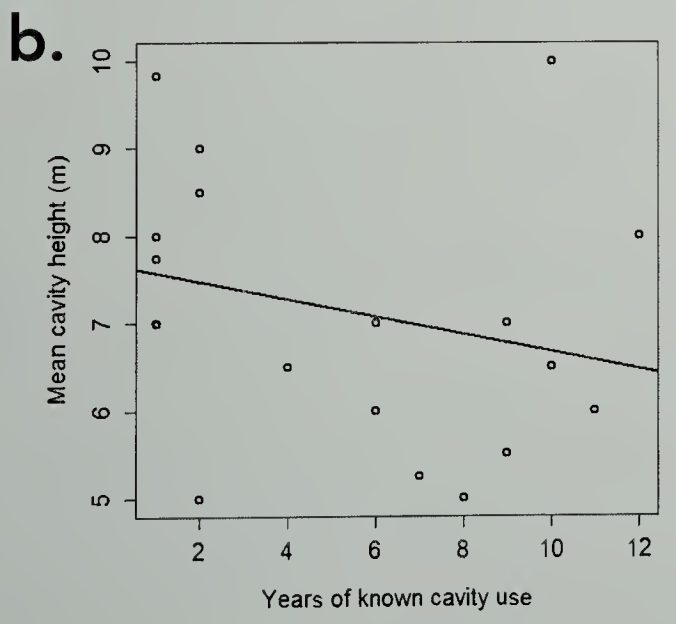
Cavity trees tended to have some level of decay. Eighty-nine percent of all cavity trees were in decay classes 3 (n=6), 4 (n=6), or 5 (n=4), while only two trees were in decay class 2 and none of the cavity trees were in decay class 1 (trees that are 100% alive; note that sample sizes were too small for $\chi 2$ tests). The only two trees classified in decay class 2 were trees that were active for 10-12 years. Four trees were classified in decay class 5, and the length of use for these highly decayed trees was always eight years (Figure 2c). This suggests a trend for longer-lasting cavities being found in trees that are less decayed, although branches where cavities were located showed some decay that was not quantified. Location of the cavity on the tree was also not significantly related to overall length of nest tree

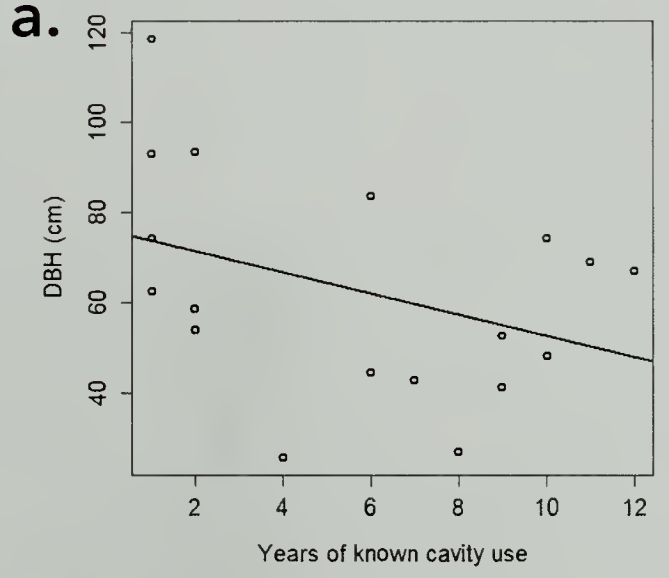
Figure 1: A map of study sites in Cook County, IL.

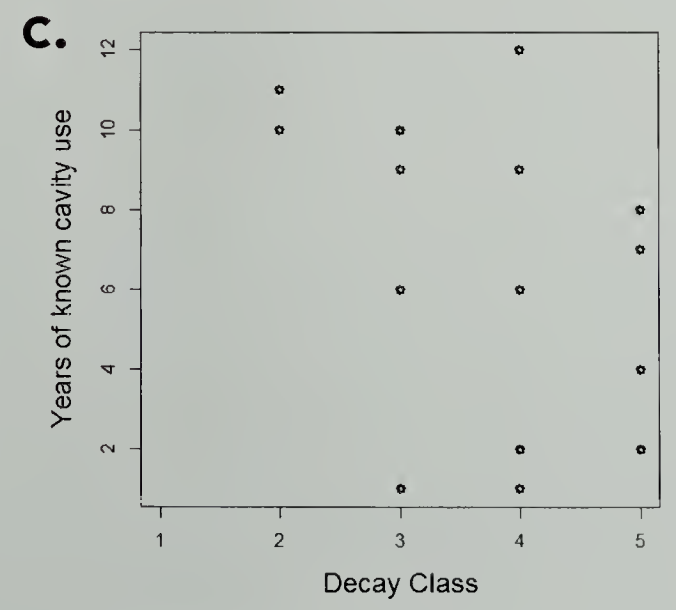
Table 1: Fate and activity of Red-headed woodpecker cavity nest trees in Cook County as of October 2013. Cavity trees are identified by the name of the site and a number to identify individual trees. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of years that the cavity tree was indicated as active. Nest fate listed as "Reported" indicates anecdotal evidence presented by hobby birders

Cavity Nest Fate in 2013	Cavity Tree	No. of Cavities	Location of Cavities on Tree	Years of Known Activity
Active/Reused	Bemis Woods 1	2	Trunk	2012-2013 (2)
	Bemis Woods 2	2	Primary Branch	2007-2013 (7)
	Salt Creek Woods 1	1	Trunk	2012-2013 (2)
	Salt Creek Woods 2	2	Primary Branch	2012-2013 (2)
	Salt Creek Woods 3	1	Trunk	2005-2013 (9)
Tree or Branch Fall	Jackson Park	1	Secondary Branch	2001-2011 (11)
	Eggers Woods	1	Trunk	2005-2012 (8)
Tree structurally unsound	LaBagh Woods	1	Trunk	2008-2011 (4)
Occupied by another species:				
Northern Flickers	Lincoln Park	1	Primary Branch	2003-2012 (10)
European Starlings	Wolf Road Prairie	1	Primary Branch (2), Trunk	2012-2012 (1
House Sparrows	Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary	1	Primary Branch	2004-2012 (9)
Unused by cavity nesters in 2013				
	Bemis Woods 3	1	Secondary Branch	2005-2010 (6)
	Burnham Prairie	2	Secondary Branch	2006-2011 (6)
	Deer Grove	2	Primary Branch	2012 (1)
	Humboldt Park	1	Primary Branch	2003-2012 (10)
	Rosehill Cemetery 1	4	Secondary Branch (3), Trunk	2012 (1)
	Rosehill Cemetery 2	1	Trunk	2012 (1)
	Spears Woods	1	Primary Branch	2001-2012 (12)

Figure 2: The number of years a cavity has been known to be active in relation to a) nest tree DBH (R2=0.146); b) cavity height and (R2=0.064); and c) decay class of cavity tree. Note: Decay classes are categories with class 1 being a 100% live tree and class 5 being a snag. See methods for full description.







use, with cavities on the trunk being used for a mean of 5.0 ± 3.3 years, and for 5.9 ± 4.6 years and 6.0 ± 0.41 years on primary and secondary branches, respectively (ANOVA, F= 0.148, df=1, 16, P=0.706).

DISCUSSION

Nest tree reuse is suggested to be an important factor in Red-headed Woodpecker population success (Smith et al 2000), therefore the limited reuse in Cook County, IL, in 2013 supports observations of RHWO declines across their range. Based on overall RHWO declines, we predicted that nest site reuse would be low because RHWO are known to only reuse nests from which they successfully fledge offspring (Smith et al 2000), and our observations of nest site activity in 2013 support this prediction. None of the trees active for 10-12 previous years were active in 2013, and only 25% of trees that were active for 7-9 years were reused in 2013. Only two of the Forest Preserve sites we visited to examine cavity reuse (Salt Creek Woods and Bemis Woods) had RHWO activity in 2013. These two sites represent a near-contiguous area of forest preserve, separated only by a two-lane road. While many of the other sites are large forest preserves as well, there may be some defining characteristics of Salt Creek Woods and Bemis Woods – where RHWO are also known to over-winter (BCN database, K. Morris pers. obs.) – that more acutely suits the needs of RHWO year-round, eliminating the need to find or excavate a new cavity in the spring. These habitat characteristics and overwintering needs are unknown for this region, and therefore should merit future research. A full dataset that includes fledging success is not available from BCN and Audubon Society records, so it is not possible from this study to determine the exact relationship between fledging success and cavity reuse. However, given previous studies that suggest a positive relationship between fledging success and cavity reuse (Smith et al 2000, Gentry and Vierling 2008) we can speculate that the low level of cavity reuse in 2013 suggests that fledging success in 2012 was likely low.

While RHWO lifespans are generally unknown, banded RHWO in Connecticut have been known to live more than 10 years (Clapp et al 1983). Since RHWO do not frequently use the cavities excavated by other species and it is unknown whether they will nest in cavities excavated by conspecifics (Smith et al 2000), 10 to 12 years may represent the lifespan of an active RHWO cavity nest. Interestingly, all four of the nests that were active for 10-12 years were found in mowed and managed city parks or in the picnic areas of forest preserve sites, as opposed to sites that were in densely vegetated areas of forest preserves. Since these cavity trees are in areas where activity was reported previously, we are confident in our assessment that there was no use of these cavity trees in 2013 as birders who contribute to BCN and Audubon databases often make regular visits to areas where birds of interest have been known to be sighted. While a tree being in a mowed area may also increase the likelihood that sawdust or other indicators of cavity use were disrupted by lawn care equipment, their prominent locations also lend to easy sighting and a higher chance of reporting based on increased human traffic, further increasing our confidence in our 2013 assessments. Based on the availability of reports for nest trees located deeper within the forest preserves which require deliberate birding efforts as well as the conspicuous visibility of these longer-used cavities, we expect that reports are a fair representation of the distribution of RHWO nest trees across our study area and that any bias stemming from ease of nest tree detection is low.

The trend for decreased variation in DBH among trees with a longer history of use may indicate that there are long-term benefits of excavating cavities in trees of between 40 and 60 cm DBH, although RHWO may not originally select trees based on DBH. A luck-of-the-draw benefit to trees with moderate DBH may provide suitable nesting substrate for longer periods of time and should be considered as valuable resources for nesting RHWO in management decisions. Onodera et al. (2013) showed that only a small percentage of cavities that are visible from the ground are actually in usable condition, and it may be that some of the cavities that were abandoned were structurally unfit to house nesting pairs of RHWO in 2013. While it is often assumed that birds prefer decayed trees (Smith et al 2000), we found a tendency for cavities with a longer history of use to be found in less decayed trees. While some decay may be necessary to facilitate excavation, lower levels of decay may indicate a healthier—and therefore sturdier—tree. Additionally, the ability to excavate a cavity in a less-decayed tree may be related to the availability of food resources in a particular year as there may be a differential cost to excavating a cavity in live versus decayed substrate, but more work is necessary to test this hypothesis. Because decay class information is not available from the year in which the cavity was first excavated, our observed relationship between decay and length of cavity use may be conservative.

Additionally, some nests were taken over by other species of cavity users. Tree cavities represent an important resource that are used by over 89 species and are limiting in many environments (Tews et al. 2004, Cockle et al. 2011). Secondary cavity nesting species cannot make their own and must rely on woodpecker cavities for roosting and nesting spaces. The fact that 22% of nests active in 2012 were occupied by other species in 2013 suggests that interspecific competition may present challenges to nesting RHWO. If these RHWO were displaced and the challenges of finding a suitable nest tree are difficult to surmount, it could contribute to overall population declines. Additionally, certain features of cavities may make them more likely to be usurped. In our findings, all cavities that were occupied by other species were located on primary branches, whieh may better faeilitate feeding or nesting of these usurping species than of RHWO. Most of the active cavities in 2013 were located on tree trunks, while secondary branch cavities were abandoned. There are several poten-

tial reasons for this trend. It is possible that differential predation rates between trunk and secondary branch cavities result in lower fledging rates from cavities located on secondary branches. There may also be structural or functional benefits to cavities excavated in trunks as they are thicker and sturdier than secondary branches. This may provide better stability or optimized temperatures for nestlings. Future studies on RHWO habitats and their use should evaluate more thoroughly the habitat needs of RHWO and the availability of such habitat to better understand the true consequences of needing to find a new tree in which to nest due to usurpation by other species or nest failure.

Physical forces and degradation of the nest tree certainly play a role in the reuse of cavities, as was evidenced by observed branch and tree falls as well as a severely unsteady tree at LaBagh Woods that moved when pushed by hand (E. Anderson, pers. obs.). None of the trees with branch falls were used in 2013. While we have no knowledge of the fates of the birds who utilized these sites in the past, we suggest based on our observations that cavity tree/limb loss represents an obstacle to RHWO nesting. Even in the event of successful fledging, if the nest tree is damaged, RHWO must invest additional energy to excavate a new cavity for use for subsequent broods. Additionally, depending on the time of year when the collapse occurs, nest failure may result.

While our data suggest some interesting trends in RHWO cavity nest use and reuse, there are certain limitations of our study that prevented us from drawing more definitive conclusions about factors that contribute to RHWO nest site reuse. Firstly, because we collected our sites from reports to the Audubon Chicago Region and the BCN, our selected nests may not represent the full range of used cavity trees. Consequently, some of our estimates of length of nest use may be conservative because we rely on the year of first report as a starting point for nest activity; it is possible that some of these nests were active prior to their first reported use. Additionally, a sample size of 18 nests across our study area provides a snapshot of RHWO cavity use, however it gives low statistical power for analyses.

The first step toward conserving this species in steep decline rests in understanding its basic biology and ecology, and then encouraging appropriate management to address some of these needs. This study evaluates some of the principle variables that may be related to RHWO being able to reuse cavity nest trees in subsequent breeding seasons, which is an important factor to consider for RHWO habitat management. Based on our findings that highly persistent trees were often found in manicured parks and picnic areas, we suggest that maintaining a moderate level of decayed trees in these mowed areas may be valuable for promoting sufficient habitat that can persist for many years. However, this would have to be balanced with concerns for public safety (Blewett and Marzluff 2005). While the fates of the individual RHWO that excavated cavities that were not used in 2013 are unknown, from this research we suggest that habitat loss due to advanced tree decay and physical weather forces that lead to tree or branch falls, as well as competition, may reduce the availability of RHWO nesting sites and, by extension may have negative consequences for RHWO populations.

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Museum sleuthing reveals the first Western Flycatcher for Illinois

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Empidonax flycatchers are notoriously difficult to identify in the field. For example, Alder (*Empidonax alnorum*) and Willow Flycatchers (*E. traillii*) are only readily identifiable by vocalization; in collections they are essentially indistinguishable. The situation is similarly difficult for identifying Pacific-slope (*E. difficilis*) and Cordilleran Flycatchers (*E. occidentalis*), western species that were formerly lumped as Western Flycatcher, but even their vocal differences are not entirely clear-cut.

Pacific-slope Flycatcher is considered a rare but regular vagrant to the eastern U.S., usually found in late fall and winter. The main reason the species is found at that time of year is because it is far more likely to be noticed then, when other Empidonax flycatchers – in particular the very similar Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*E. flaviventris*) – are already on their wintering grounds in Central and South America. Mid-September, however, is the peak migration time for the two western species (Lowther 2000), and thus is a time when vagrancy to the east might be expected, but is also when Yellow-bellied Flycatchers are migrating through Illinois. Given the low percentage of all vagrant birds that are actually found by birders, the percentage must be miniscule for extremely difficult-to-identify species like Empidonax.

Apart from picking out a vagrant Empidonax, a related challenge is proving that the identification is correct. Procuring incontrovertible evidence in the form of photos or sound recordings that would be accepted by a records committee is extremely difficult. In the case of a Cordilleran or Pacific slope Flycatcher, even a traditional specimen might be insufficient, but today DNA evidence can be collected quickly and cheaply from such a speeimen. In the case of Illinois' first record of Western Flycatcher, it took a reanalysis of a mis-identified specimen, which led to DNA analysis to confirm its identification.

The specimen (FMNH 472922) was found dead at McCormick Place, Chicago, on 11 September 2011, where it was picked up by Dave Willard during his routine morning check for window-killed birds. It was originally identified as a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and remained that way until Matt Baumann and his colleagues at the University of New Mexico's Museum of Southwestern Biology were

Figures 1 and 2

FMNH 472922 (center), the first record of Western Flycatcher for Illinois, with two Yellow-bellied Flycatchers from Illinois (left) and two presumed Pacific-slope Flycatchers from California (right).

investigating plumage differences between Yellow-bellied and Western Flycatchers.

To assist in his study of plumage characters, The Field Museum sent a loan of Yellow-bellied Flycatcher specimens to New Mexico for the scientists to examine, and they noticed that FMNH 472922 stood out based on the characters they were studying. They then followed up by requesting a tissue sample – tissue samples are archived from almost all specimens that come in the museum – to test its genetics. When they compared the mitochondrial DNA sequence of FMNH 472922 with the DNA of other Empidonax flycatchers, they found it indistinguishable from Western (more specifically, Pacific-slope) Flycatcher, and very different from Yellow-bellied (Baumann et al. 2014).

The specimen is also diagnosable by plumage as Western Flycatcher with close examination. Viewed with Yellow-bellied Flycatcher specimens, FMNH 472922 is whiter on the belly, browner on the upperparts, and duskier across the chest and throat. The field mark that was tested by Baumann et al. (2014) to distinguish between these species, the extent of pale edging on the secondaries, also helps identify it as a Western Flycatcher (see figures 1 and 2).

Baumann et al. (2014) are ultimately cautious about the specific identification of the specimen as a Cordilleran or Pacific-slope Flycatcher. In their study, published in the Journal of Field Ornithology, they write: "Considering that these two species recently diverged, overlap in distribution, and are geographically variable in genetics and vocalizations, it cannot be assumed that their [mitochondrial] DNA haplotypes provide certain species identification. We assigned [FMNH 472922] to the Western Flycatcher complex, but refrain from more specific identification due to current uncertainty regarding species limits in this group (Lowther 2000, Rush et al. 2009)" (Baumann et al. 2014, p. 395).

The documentation was taken up by the Illinois Ornithological Reeords Committee (IORC) in January 2015. On its first circulation, the committee agreed to accept the record as a Western Flycatcher (in the broad sense), but voted not to accept a more specific identification, taking Baumann et al.'s recommendation (G. Williamson, in litt.). Because the specimen and DNA are available for re-analysis, this decision could be revisited in the future if new ways to distinguish Pacific-slope and Cordilleran Flycatchers become available.

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Illinois' Second Gray Kingbird

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Gray Kingbird. Edwards County. 1 November 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

On 1 November 2013, I (Bob Shelby) started my Edwards County route to document Loggerhead Shrikes. I left my house shortly after lunch and just three miles south of my house I observed a bird on an overhead wire. My first thought was a shrike, but when I drove closer I could tell it was a kingbird. I thought that it was too late for an Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*), so I texted Leroy Harrison, "Edwards Co. E. Kingbird." Leroy immediately called me back and told me to double check the field marks and that he was en route to help me identify the kingbird.

When Leroy arrived, the kingbird was still in the area. We watched it flycatching from the house antenna, power lines and a catalpa tree. We observed and photographed it for an hour and determined it was indeed an immature Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*). We also notified Travis Mahan and Mark Seiffert to contact other birders about the Gray Kingbird. Andy Sigler and Keith McMullen were able to observe and photograph it before it disappeared around 5 p.m.

This represents the second confirmed sighting of a Gray Kingbird for Illinois. The first record was 15 May 1999 at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County found by Dan Kassebaum (1999) and seen by Mark and Mike Seiffert. That Gray Kingbird was also photographed by Mike Seiffert.

From Pete Dunne's Essential Field Guide Companion (2006), we read the following account. "Gray Kingbird is a common but restricted breeder in the southern United States – most common in coastal areas in the Florida peninsula, especially the Keys. It is often seen on utility lines and TV antennas. Breeders vacate from late September through late November. They wander widely outside their breeding range especially in the fall."

Identification and Behavior

The Gray Kingbird is a long-billed, pale gray flycatcher with a flatter, rounder head than that of the Eastern Kingbird. The tail is deeply notched when perched – straight out when fanned in flight and lacks white at the tip. The Gray Kingbird is an all gray bird and is paler and less contrasting than the Eastern Kingbird. The upper parts are mockingbird gray and the underparts are paler, but gray washed – not bright white like the Eastern. The black mask through the eyes can be hard to see at a distance, but the lack of contrast between blackish head and the gray back and white throat is just as defining.

The behavior of this bird fits with the Dunne's behavior account as it would sit high and conspicuously – sallying out to catch insects in the air – often returning to the same perch.

Other Midwestern Records of Gray Kingbird

In addition to Illinois' spring and fall records there are four other acceptable records for the Midwest. Michigan has two records: one in Leavitt Twp., Oceana Co. 14-18 Oct 1984 (James Ponshair, mibirdrecords.com/gray-kingbird) and the other a recent record from Shiawassee NWR, Saginaw 31 Oct 2014 (retrieved from www.youtube/watch?V=xTC-UGjafTU. Indiana has a fall record, 5-8 Nov 2005 from southeast LaPorte County of a bird photographed by Brendan Grube and Michael Topp (retrieved from www.jkcassady.com/gallery/gyki.htm. Finally there is a multiple observer sight record and sketch from Salem, Missouri, Dent County, 23-24 May 2006 accepted in the 19th Annual MBRC Report 2006 – 45.

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Nineteenth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

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Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC or the Committee) are reported here for a total of 40 records, including 35 accepted records of 28 species, and five unaccepted records of five species. A total of 35 observers contributed reports, including descriptions, photographs, and sound recordings documenting these records. We continue to follow the conventions used in the first eighteen reports of the Committee (e.g. Stotz 2012). The records below are divided into two groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. The Accepted group is further divided into First State Records, Review List Records, and Other Records. Nomenclature, English names and sequence of species conform to that of the seventh edition of the American Ornithologist's Union checklist, (1998) and its supplements, through the 55th (Chesser et al. 2014).

Accepted records are entered with the locality, including county, the date, and (in parentheses) the IORC record number (the first four characters of which generally give the year of initial observation), and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed specimens, descriptions, and/or photographs. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. The initials of a contributor without any further modification indicate that they contributed solely written documentation. When additional information is provided, a colon follows the observer's initials with the following codes: ph for photographic evidence, vid for video and vr for voice recording. Many contributing photographers and audiographers also submitted written documentation, a practice the Committee strongly encourages. If the observer who first discovered the bird is known to the Committee, their initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentation are not always listed.

The Committee continues to encourage all observers of rare birds to submit documentation, even when multiple observers are involved in a sighting. Some records are deemed unacceptable due to incomplete information, which can often be resolved by additional documentation. Photos are of course invaluable resources for the Committee, but there are times when a tricky identification can be resolved from written details not depicted in photos. Additionally, submitting documentation directly to the Committee, even if it involves strictly photos, resolves some ambiguity regarding copyright issues, etc.

ACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Species
(29 records of 23 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Five at Havana, Mason Co., 11 – 27 April 2013 (2013.008; HH:ph).

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) Two at Montrose Point, Cook Co., 30 May 2013 (2013.016; LM:ph).

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) One male at Skokie Lagoons, Cook Co., 9 – 29 December 2012 (2012.036; MC, NL:ph).

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) One at Illinois Beach SP, Lake Co., 13 September 2013 (2013.023; PS:ph). One at Greene Valley FP, DuPage Co., 29 September 2013 (2013.024; RF).

Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks. Five were at Havana in Mason County. Photo taken 12 April 2013 by Nat Carmichael.

Mottled Duck. Two at Montrose Point. Cook County. 30 May 2013. Photo by Luis Munoz.

Anhinga. Illinois Beach State Park. Lake County. 13 September 2013. Photo by Paul Sweet.

Barrow's Goldeneye. Skokie Lagoons. Cook County. 16 December 2012. Photo by Nolan Launeka.

Tricolored Heron.
Winnebago County.
6 June 2013.
Photo by John Longhenry.

Swallow-tailed Kite.
Illinois Beach State Park.
Lake County.
1 September 2013.
Photo by Karen Lund.

ACCEPTED RECORDS

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) One adult at Nygren Wetland Preserve, Winnebago Co., 5 – 7 June 2013 (2013.015; DW, JCL:ph).

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) One in Woodford Co., 24 May 2013 (2013.018; TH:ph).

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) One at Illinois Beach SP, Lake Co., 1 September 2013 (2013.029; PS:ph, KL:ph).

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*) One, possibly 2 in Shelby Co., 14 July 2013 (2013.055; TM:vr).

Ruff (*Calidris pugnax*) One in Whiteside Co., 3 May 2013 (2013.007; DH:ph, MT:ph).

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) As many as 6 reported at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., with at least one present from 1 September – 3 October, 2013 (2013.050; DK:ph).

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) One at Lake Shelbyville, Moultrie Co., 2 November 2013 (2013.037; TM). One adult at Lake Carlyle, Clinton Co., 26-28 October 2013 (2013.053; DK:ph). Two (including a 1st-cycle) at Carlyle Lake, 9 November 2013 (2013.051; DK:ph).

Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) One at Saganashkee Slough, Cook Co., 18 October 2013 (2013.026; AA:ph).

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) One at Carlyle Lake, Clinton Co., 10 August 2013 (2013.040; DK:ph).

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) One at Marshall Co., 5 January 2013 (2013.002; KJ).

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*) One at N. Pt. Marina, Lake Co., 24 April 2013 (2013.019; JWL). One at Greene Valley FP, DuPage Co., 23 – 25 September 2013 (2013.028; JN).

Ruff. Whiteside County. 3 May 2013.
Photo by Marna Towne.

Little Gull with two Bonaparte's Gulls. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 9 November 2013.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Mountain Bluebird. Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge. JoDavies County. 23 February 2013.
Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Royal Tern, right. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 10 August 2013.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

and is appreciated. It only takes a few moments to attach photos to an e-mail, and is greatly appreciated. Photos won't be republished without permission, except for use in Meadowlark.

The Committee does not always take a position on the age or sex of a bird, and any such information given may be the observer's opinion, rather than the Committees. All other remarks are the author's, although most of the information comes from the Committee files, which are now stored in Chicago, Illinois, in the Bird Division of the Field Museum.

In those cases with discrepancies between the details presented here and other published records, the data provided here represent the Committee's best assessment of all available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

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Gray Kingbird. Edwards County. 1 November 2013. Illinois' second confirmed record. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

ACCEPTED RECORDS

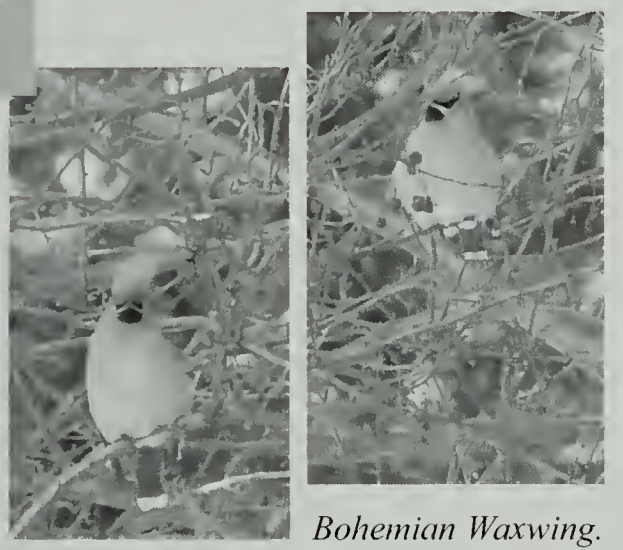
Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) One in Edwards Co., 1 November 2013 (2013.038; RS:ph). See article in this issue for details.

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) Lost Mound, Upper Mississippi NWR, Jo Daviess Co., 14 December 2012 – 23 February 2013 (2013.006; DW, NG:ph).

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) One at Jon J. Duerr FP, Kane Co., 7 November 2013 – 11 March 2014 (2013.032; JN:ph).

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) Two at N. Pt. Marina, Lake Co., 2 February 2013 (2013.005; RH:ph, BS:ph).

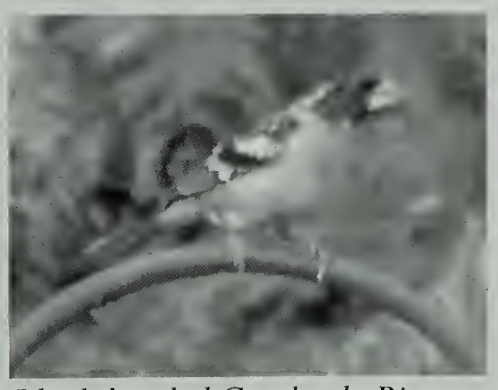
Swainson's Warbler. Quincy. Adams County. 18 May 2013. Photo by Travis Mahan.



Bohemian Waxwing. North Point Marina. Lake County. 2 February 2013. Photos by Beau Schaefer.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) One at Quincy, Adams Co., 10 – 20 May 2013 (2013.035; TM:ph,vr).

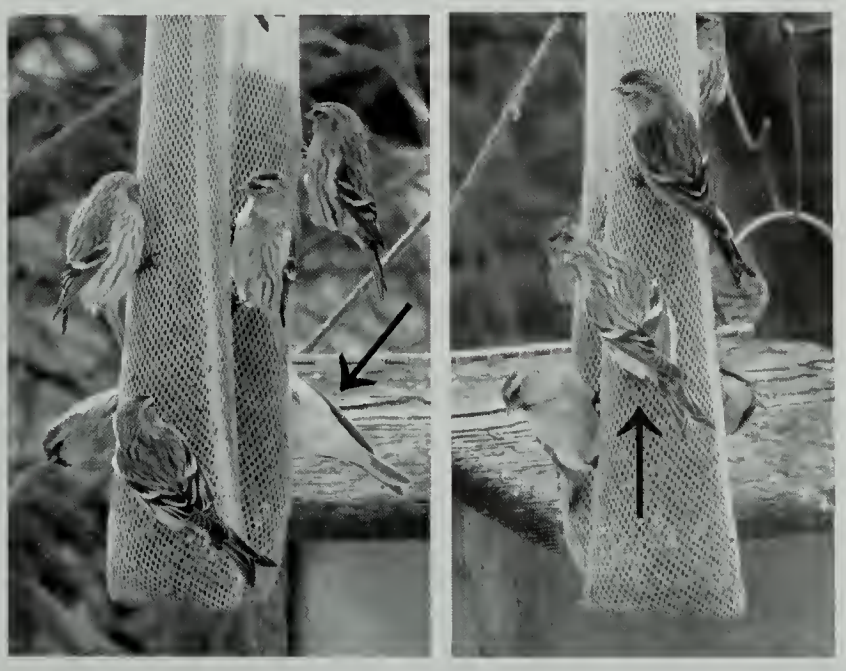
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) One at River Forest, Cook Co., 30 May 2013 (2013.017; JA:ph).



Black-headed Grosbeak. River Forest. Cook County. 30 May 2013. Photo by Jill Anderson.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) One at Cook Co., 15 March 2013 (2013.022; JP).

Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*) One at Montrose Point, Cook Co., 11 December 2012 (2012.035; MC:ph). One at Sangamon Co., 22 December 2012 (2012.043; JF:ph). One at Genoa, DeKalb Co., 24 January – 18 February 2013 (2013.003; KL:ph).



Hoary Redpoll. Genoa. DeKalb County. 25 January 2013. Photos by Karen Lund.

Other accepted records
(six records of five species)

White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) One at Grafton, Jersey Co., 15 December 2013 (2013.039; THF:ph).

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) Two at Prairie Ridge Preserve, Marion Co., 20 April 2013 (2013.034; TM:p, TDF:ph). One at Greene Valley FP, DuPage Co., 14 October 2013 (2013.030; MB, VS:ph).

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) Two adults with chicks, Siloam Springs SP, Adams Co., 17 May – 14 June 2013 (2013.036; TM:ph).

Swainson's Hawk. Marion. Williamson County. 20 April 2013. Photo by Tyler Funk.

Bewick's Wren. Siloam Springs State Park. Adams County. 18 May 2013. Photo by Travis Mahan.

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) One at LeVasseur Park, Kankakee Co., 26 November – 8 December 2012 (2012.037; JH:ph). An unusually late date for this species.

Spotted Towhee (Pipilo maculatus) One at Montrose Pt., Cook Co., 4 – 5 May 2013 (2013.012; JN).

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Records Unaccepted
(three records of three species)

Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*) One at Greene Valley FP, DuPage Co., 25 September 2012 (2012.030). The Committee felt that the details were insufficient to rule out a young Krider's morph Red-tailed Hawk.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) One at Montrose Pt., Cook Co., 16 October 2013 (2013.025). Several members of the Committee noted that the description, while suggestive, wasn't sufficient to rule out Forster's or Common. Molt timing was given as a major distinction between Arctic and Common, and it was felt that there's enough variation in this trait to make it unreliable for this purpose.

Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*) One at Ryerson Conservation Area, Lake Co., 18 May 2013 (2013.020). The documentation for this bird was excellent, but with neither a photo nor a recording, a majority of the Committee felt that the description wasn't sufficient to rule out Blue-headed (or a hybrid, as the documentation pointed out). One member pointed out that the description failed to sufficiently rule out Bell's Vireo as a possibility.

Other unaccepted records
(two records of two species)

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) One at Middlefork Savanna FP, Lake Co., 1 January 2013 (2013.001). The Committee felt that the details were insufficient to support this ID, given the extraordinary date for a typically early migrant.

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) One at Mason Co., 7 June 2013 (2013.014). The Committee felt that the description didn't sufficiently rule out a young Bald Eagle.

Review List

The review list includes species for which the Committee will review all records, or all records outside of some determined region or range of dates within the state. Generally, these are species that average two or fewer records per year in the state or which are extremely rare in all but a few counties.

The current review list was approved at the 12 January 2014 committee meeting. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for those species listed on the review list on the IOS website: www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-ornithological-records-committee.

In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (available at http://illinoisbirds.org/the-birds-of-illinois) should be documented. Documentation of out of season records and first state nesting records should be sent to the seasonal editor of the Field Notes in the Meadowlark. These may be considered by the Committee, as well as those submitted for the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count.

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Field Notes:
The 2013 Fall Migration

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Illustration of Violet-green Swallow by Peter Olson.

The autumnal 2013 season was dominated by dry warm weather with precipitation being below normal throughout the period. A warmer that average September and October was followed by a below average cooling period in November. However, just before very cold weather was ushered into the state in late November – unseasonable near record high temperatures on 16-17 November fueled a very severe weather system which resulted in a 25 tornado outbreak in central Illinois. A November record breaking EF-4 tornado hit the ground in East Peoria and Washington, traveling some 46 miles before lifting in western Livingston County. This was the 4th largest outbreak of tornados in the state since 1950. On the heels of this system very cold temperatures came into the state. The first Chicago area snow fell on 23 Oct and the first reported accumulation for Chicago was on 11 November. Very cold weather dominated the state during the last two weeks of November. Due to these weather conditions any lingering migrants seemed to be pushed out of the state early.

At least eighteen rarities were noted this season. Two MOTTLED DUCKS were noted at Sangchris and Clinton Lake with the Sangchris duck staying late into November. An amazingly late juvenile ROSEATE SPOONBILL was photographed at Lake Springfield – this record is the farthest north in the state and latest date ever for the state. A NEOTROPIC CORMORANT stayed late into August in the Lake Calumet area of Chicago. Two ANHINGAS were noted at hawkwatches in northeastern Illinois in September. Hawkwatchers at Illinois Beach State Park photographed a migrant SWALLOW-TAILED KITE at the first of September. WHOOPING CRANES from "Operation Migration" were noted throughout the state this fall. Always noteworthy are fall jaeger migrants – a remarkable six juvenile PARASITIC JAEGERS were at Carlyle Lake on 3 September and a light-phased juvenile LONG-TAILED JAEGER was at Carlyle Lake in late August and early September. LITTLE GULLS made a good showing this fall with sightings in four counties. Intrepid gull watchers on a Lake Michigan pelagic noted a CALIFORNIA GULL in late October; another was photographed at Winthrop Harbor in early November. A first fall ARCTIC TERN was observed and photographed at Bloomington in early October. A ROYAL TERN was photographed at Carlyle Lake in early August and an apparent second tern was reported at Emiquon around the same time. The traditional PRAIRIE FALCON turned up and was photographed at the "magic stump" in Coles County in early November and a second individual was in Richland and Wayne counties in mid-November. Two SAY'S PHOEBES were noted: one photographed at the Greene Valley Hawk Watch in late September and another photographed in McClean County in early November. The state's second GRAY KINGBIRD was detected and photographed by 4 observers on the first of November in Edwards County. Hawkwatchers amazingly – detected and – photographed a migrating VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW in early November. A TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE was detected at a Kane County Forest Preserve eating juniper berries during the end of the first week of November. A GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE was observed and photographed in mid-August in Morgan County.

Ducks through Hawks

Waterfowl migration seemed to be normal in terms of numbers of geese and ducks being recorded at traditional locations. Certainly noteworthy were the 2050 Tundra Swans along the Upper Mississippi River and the 30,385 Gadwall noted at Chautauqua NWR in mid-November. Redheads seem to be increasing in numbers along Lake Michigan with 1910 concentrated at Illinois Beach State Park in Mid-November. Harlequin Duck and all three scoters plus Long-tailed Ducks were detected mainly along Lake Michigan and a few central Illinois locations. Two Long-tailed Ducks made it as far south as Carlyle Lake. Common Goldeneye and Common Mergansers were detected in small numbers at the end of the season. All expected loons and grebes were detected with 4 counties reporting Red-necked and Eared Grebes, respectively; two downstate locations reported Western Grebes. American White Pelicans are now being seen in staggering numbers with 20,000 at Carlyle Lake just topping the list of detections in 45 counties this season. The largest heron count was 2100 Great Egrets at Chautauqua NWR and 600 Little Blue Herons along Levee Road in Monroe County – both post-breeding dispersals in early August. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons had only four county reports. The hawkwatches at Illinois Beach State Park, Greene Valley Forest Preserve and now Fort Sheridan, Lake Forest recorded no particularly strong flights though 433 Turkey Vultures was noteworthy at Greene Valley FP. Elsewhere – sixty Black Vultures in Franklin County in October was a strong count. The eight Mississippi Kites at IBSP was an amazing migrant count in early September as well as the 246 Sharp-shinned Hawks in mid-October. No large flights of

Broad-winged Hawks were detected anywhere in the state. Six Swainson's Hawk reports came from the NE Illinois hawkwatches and Chicago. A very late (12 November) Swainson's Hawk was noteworthy at Illinois Beach State Park. Golden Eagles were at both Greene Valley FP and IBSP – the only locations reporting them.

Rails through Woodpeckers

Two Yellow Rails were noted close to each other in downtown Chicago on 8 Oct with one being found by Chicago Bird Collison monitors in a doorway along Michigan Ave. Sixteen Common Gallinules at Emiquon in September was a particularly high fall count. The 27,400 American Coots at Hennepin-Hopper Lakes was a noteworthy tally. The 17,507 Sandhill Cranes in one day at the Greene Valley FP hawk-watch in late November must have been quite an impressive migration sighting!

Shorebirds were scarce this season as many "mudflats" were dried out except for the "draw downs" at Chautauqua NWR. The tallies of "maximun count" shorebird reports seemed way lower than normal for fall perhaps due to the very dry season. However, Black-necked Stilts were widespread up the Illinois River Valley with a high count of 85 at Chautauqua NWR in mid-August. There were only two Piping Plover reports, both from the Illinois River Valley. American Golden-Plover, Willet, Upland Sandpiper, godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot and Buff-breasted Sandpiper numbers seemed very low. However, the 300 Stilt Sandpipers, 200 Baird's Sandpipers and 5000 Pectoral Sandpipers at Chautauqua in August were noteworthy good counts. Other peeps had a fairly typical migration. For the second straight fall season no Purple Sandpipers were recorded in the state. Short-billed and Long-billed Dowitcher were widespread, recorded in fair numbers in 26 and 18 counties respectively. All three Phalaropes were noted with an exceptional count of 32 Red-necked Phalaropes at Chautauqua NWR in August. Snipe and woodcock numbers were down due to the dry conditions this fall.

Carlyle Lake was the lake to observe jaegers this season with a remarkable six Parasitic Jaegers noted on 3 September and a juvenile Long-tailed Jaeger seen in late August through early September. Juvenile Sabine's Gulls were well represented on larger lakes in central and southern Illinois in September. A maximum 100 Franklin's Gulls were noted at Montrose in late October. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were noted in 11 counties with the species being the most widespread of the more uncommon gulls. Other rare gulls were detected by the end of the season. Twenty-eight Least Terns in Alexander County in mid-August certainly was a noteworthy count. Sixty Black Terns at Carlyle Lake in both August and September was a good maximum count. Eurasian Collared-Doves were widespread in 46 counties. Cuckoos were well represented this fall with 37 counties reporting Yellow-billed Cuckoos and 13 counties reporting Black-billed Cuckoos. Snowy Owls migrated into the state by late November. There were only two Long-eared Owl reports. October and November were migratory months for Northern Saw-whet Owls with a high count of five at Sand Bluff Bird Observatory in early November. Common Nighthawk migration was strong in late August and early September with 50 counties reporting migrants and a very tardy migrant nighthawk was noted at Lake Springfield in early November. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds staged a good migration. Two adult male Rufous Hummingbirds attended feeders in Whiteside and Lake counties. Red-headed Woodpecker, a species of concern, was detected in 67 counties with a maximum count of twelve reported in Rock Island County. A maximun count of 126 Northern Flickers was noted in Kankakee parks in early October. The highest Merlin migratory count was of 63 falcons at Illinois Beach State Park. The Coles county "magic stump" Prairie Falcon arrived on 8 November and another Prairie Falcon was noted at Bailey Wetlands in mid-November.

Passerines

Migrant passerines seemed a bit tardy or perhaps went undetected due to the dry season and scarce berry crop. Lack of precipitation probably prevented any major fall-outs. Flycatcher migration was about normal with most departures by the end of September. Two Say's Phoebes, two Scissor-tailed Flycatchers and three Western Kingbirds were detected. A very tardy White-eyed Vireo was at Illinois Beach State Park on 10 November. Other vireos were well detected this season. Swallow migration was normal to above normal with 30,000 Tree Swallows at Caryle Lake in mid-October being some sort of spectacular observation! A strong migration of Brown Creepers was detected along Chicago's lakefront in early October. Winter Wrens staged a good migration in mid to late October and Carolina Wrens were widespread with reports in 70 counties; other wrens were well noted, too. Both Kinglets had a strong migration. Thrush migration numbers seemed low and even American Robin numbers were reduced. Gray Catbirds however were well detected in 61 counties. American Pipits staged a good migration. Cedar Waxwing migration was very strong in northeast Illinois in mid-August. Hawkwatches at Greene Valley FP detected a large flight of Lapland Longspurs in early November and Carlyle Lake tallied several thousand at the end of the season. There was but one lone Smith's Longspur report at the end of October in Chicago. Snow Buntings began their arrival into the state as early as late October and 13 counties reported the species. Warblers in general were well noted but seemed to migrate early. Black-and-White, Tennessee, Nashville, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Magnolia, Chestnut-sided, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green warblers were detected in 40 or more counties. A very tardy immature male Prairie Wabler was photographed in the Chicago area on 19 November and a late 25 October migrant Canada Warbler was photographed along Chicago's lakefront.

Three Spotted Towhees were detected this fall – two in Springfield and one in Winnebago County – all were October records. Spizella sparrows were well noted this season. Vesper and Savannah Sparrows were well represented in a number of counties. Both LeConte's and Nelson's Sparrows were noted in 15 or more counties with impressive counts of seven LeConte's Sparrows in Woodford County and 15 and 14 Nelson's Sparrows at Montrose and at Rollins Savanna in early October. Swamp, White-throated and White-crowned sparrows were well represented state-wide with impressive numbers along Chieago's lakefront. Harris's Sparrows

were scarce. Tanagers had a typical migration, reported in about a third of Illinois's counties. The state's bird: Northen Cardinal was reported in nearly all of Illinois's counties. Blue Grosbeaks seem to be detected more often with 26 county reports. Dickcissels and Bobolinks exited the state by mid-October with no major high counts. Western Meadowlarks and Yellow-headed Blackbirds were scarcely detected this season. A species of concern: Rusty Blackbird was reported in 29 counties with a maximum of 565 at Clinton Lake in early November. Brewer's Blackbirds were detected in 11 counties with a maximum of 30 at Carlyle Lake in mid-November. Orioles seemed to have largely departed the state by the end of August – if not earlier. American Goldfinch were widespread in very good numbers.

Irruptive Species

Northern Goshawks were barely detected; most interesting was the report of an Adult Northern Goshawk that "stiletto-toed" a Blue Jay in Springfield at the end of October. Eleven Rough-legged Hawks in early November was the highest fall count at IBSP and 24 counties tallied this species. The Snowy Owl super irruption of 2013/2014 began in earnest at the end of November. The Union County Conservation Area report on 27 November was the state's first report and by the end of the month there were four other reports including a maximum of three at 87th St in Chicago along the lakefront. This was just a "kick start" to many more Snowy Owls being detected statewide in December through February and late into April of 2014. Northern Shrikes arrived in November and there were low numbers of reports. However, one in McDonough was a notworthy report. Low numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches were reported in only 30 counties. A finch invasion was almost nil with only Pine Siskins being reported largely along Lake Michigan at the IBSP hawkwatch with a maximum count of 158 siskins in mid-November, however, they were very scarce elsewhere. Purple Finches were conspicuous by their near absence and low numbers in only 24 counties.

This summary of the fall or autumnal season would not be possible without the submission of sightings, field notes, and commentary by observers throughout the state. Those who supplied this information are listed below. The observers for individual records in the report are credited by including their initials immediately following mention of the record. The order of the list is alphabetic in relation to the observers' last name. In some cases, the cited observer is an organization or institution. Abbreviations for these are listed separately.

Organizations and Institutions:

CAS	Chicago Audubon Society (field trips)
CBCM	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (data largely involving window-strikes at high rises in downtown Chicago)
COS	Chicago Ornithological Society (field trips)
DBC	DuPage Birding Club (field trips)
ENSBC	Evanston-North Shore Bird Club (field trips)
FMNH	Field Museum of Natural History
FSHW	Fort Sherican Hawk Watch (Fort Sheridan LCFP, Lake Forest, compiled by Michal Furmanek)
GVHW	Greene Valley Hawk Watch (data from Greene Valley FP, compiled by Bob Fisher)
IAS	Illinois Audubon Society (field trips)
IBHW	Illinois Beach Hawk Watch (data from IBSP, compiled by Vic Berardi)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
IOS	Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips)
KCA	Kane County Audubon (field trips)`
NPBW	North Pond Bird Walk (weekly surveys at North Pond in Linc.P, led and compiled by Geoffrey A. Williamson)
SBBO	Sand Bluff Bird Observatory (Winnebago Co)
SRAS	Starved Rock Audubon Society (field trips)
WGNSS	Webster Grove Nature Study Society (field trips)

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The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	= Earliest Arrival	lg	= large	pts	= points
LD	= Latest Departure(s)	♂	= male(s)	resp	= respectively
MC	= Maximum Count(s)	m.ob.	= many observers	subad(s)	= subadult(s)
ad(s)	= adult(s)	*	= documented record	unk	= unknown age/sex
alt	= alternate plumage (breeding)	**	= specimen record	vid	= video
cop	= copulating	<	= Late fall departure	w/	= with
et al.	= and other	>	= Early spring arrival	yg	= young
♀	= female(s)	ph	= photo(s)	1st	= first winter plumage
imm	= immature	plum	= plumage	2nd	= second winter plumage
incl	= including	pr(s)	= pair(s)	3rd	= third winter plumage
juv(s)	= juvenile(s)	prop	= property		

The following abbreviations for place names have been used throughout this report:

AFB	= Air Force Base	IDNR	= Illinois Department of Natural Resources	R	= River
Apt	= Airport	IL	= Illinois	Rd	= Road
Arb	= Arboretum	L	= Lake	Res	= Reservoir
B	= Beach	L&D	= Lock & Dam	SF	= State Forest
BBS	= USGS Breeding Bird Survey (Route)	LWR	= Land & Water Reserve	Sl	= Slough
Bldg	= Building	M	= Marsh	SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife/ Waterfowl Area
CA	= Conservation Area	Mem	= Memorial	SNA	= State Natural Area
CBC	= Audubon Christmas Bird Count	MOON	= Monitoring of Owls & Nightjars Project	So.	= South
Cem	= Cemetery	NA	= Natural Area	SP	= State Park
Co(s)	= County(ies)	NC	= Nature Center	SRA	= State Recreation Area
CP	= County Park	NHL	= National Historic Landmark	Twp	= Township
Crk	= Creek	No.	= North	USF&WS	= United States Fish & Waterfowl/Wildlife Service
EA	= Ecological Area	NP	= Nature Preserve	Univ	= University
FP	= Forest Preserve	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge	WMA	= Wildlife Management Area
FS	= Field Station	OSL	= Open Space Lands	Wds	= Woods
GC	= Golf Course	Pk	= Park	WS	= Wildlife Sanctuary
H	= Harbor	Pra	= Prairie	WTP	= Water Treatment Plant
HA	= Habitat Area	Pr	= Preserve		
I	= Island				

AllertonPk	= Allerton Park (Piatt Co)	Ark	= Arklands Reclamation Area/Pyramid State Park (Perry & Randolph Cos)
AlmondM	= Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (Lake Co)	AromaPark	= Aroma Park (Kankakee Co)
AMAX	= Amax Coal Company property, Keensburg (Wabash Co)	AWS	= Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield (Sangamon Co)
AmnBot	= American Bottoms (Monroe County)	BaileyWet	= Bailey Wetland (Richland and Wayne Cos)
AndaSl	= Andalusia Slough Recreation Area (Rock Island Co)	Baker'sL	= Baker's Lake, Barrington (Cook Co)
ArcolaM	= Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co)	BaldwinL	= Baldwin Lake (Randolph/St. Clair Co)

Abbreviations for place names, *continued*

BannerM = Banner Marsh (Fulton & Peoria Cos)
BeallWds = Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)
Bellrose = Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
BigBend = Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area (Whiteside Co)
Bloom = Bloomington (McLean Co)
BraidwoodL = Braidwood Lake (Will Co)
BRSF = Big River State Forest (Henderson Co)
BurnidgeFP = Burnidge Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
BuseyWds = Busey Woods Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
BusseWds = Busse Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
CalPk = Calumet Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
C'dale = Carbondale (Jackson Co)
CapSauers = Cap Sauers Holdings Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
CarlL -B = Carlyle Lake (Bond Co)
CarlL-C = Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F = Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Champaign = Champaign (Champaign Co)
Channahon = Channahon Widewaters, Des Plaines River (Will Co)
Chau = Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago--excl. Jackson Park, Lincoln & Grant Parks & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
ChinqBl = Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
CIPSL = Cental Illinois Public Service Cooling Lake (Jasper Co)
ClearL = Clear Lake (Mason Co)
ClintonL = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
ColesCo Apt = Coles County Airport (Mattoon, Coles Co)
COLSP = Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
ConnerL = Conner Lake (Monroe Co)
CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
COR = Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co)
CRSNA = Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
CrystalLk = Crystal Lake Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
CWRP = Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (Cook Co)
DeerGrove = Deer Grove Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
DogtoothI = Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co)
DPCA = Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)
DWW = Dan Wright Woods Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
DYNL = Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
ECapeGir = East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake, Olney (Richland Co)
Elsens Hill = Elsens Hill, West DuPage Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Emiquon = The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
EPSP = El Paso Sewage Plant (Woodford Co)
ESTL = East St. Louis (St Clair Co)
EwingPk = Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co)
Fermi = Fermilab (Du Page Co)
FerneClyffe = Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson Co)
FGP = Forest Glen Preserve (Vermilion Co)
FoleySP = Foley Sand Prairie Nature Preserve (Lee Co)
Forestry = University of Illinois Forestry plantation, Urbana (Champaign Co)
FountainGrn = Fountain Green Township (Hancock Co)
FtMassac = Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
Funk'sGrove = Funk's Grove Preserve lands (McLean Co)
Gillson = Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
GlacialPk = Glacial Park Conservation Area (McHenry Co)
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
GLPSNA = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
GrantPk = Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GreenR = Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
GuzyPra = Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands Nature Preserve (Shelby Co)
HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
HeronCP = Heron County Park (Vermilion Co)
HeronPond = Heron Pond Nature Preserve, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
HerrickL = Herrick Lake Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HGC = Harborside International Golf Course, @ LCal (Cook Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
HomerL = Homer Lake Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
ICCA = Iroquois County Conservation Area (Iroquois Co)
JakeWolf FH = Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co)
Jarvis = Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Pk, Chicago (Cook Co)
JEPC = Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (Cass Co)
JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
JPPSP = James "Pate" Phillip (Tri-County) State Park (Cook, DuPage, Kane Cos)
JubileeC = Jubilee College State Park (Peoria Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KankakeePks = LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Park (Kankakee Co)
KArb = Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co)
KCP = Kennekuk Cove County Park (Vermilion Co)
KinkaidL = Kinkaid Lake (Jackson Co)
Kinnikinnick = Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area (Boone Co)
Klehm Arb = Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co)
KLMSNA = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
KRSP = Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)
KSP = Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion Co)
Lakewd = Lakewood Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
LaSalleL = LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (LaSalle Co)
LBloom = Lake Bloomington (McLean Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
LCF = Lake County Fairgrounds (Lake Co)
LDec = Lake Decatur (Macon Co)
LDDP = Lake Decatur dredge ponds (Macon Co)
LincPk = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
LMurphy SP = Lake Murphysboro State Park (Jackson Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge (Jo Daviess Co)
LOW = Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
LowdMil = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LRSNC = Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Palos (Cook Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
LSpfld = Lake Springfield, Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LTFP = Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
LtlBlkSl = Little Black Slough State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
LVerm = Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
LUREC = Loyola University s Retreat and Ecology Campus (McHenry Co)
MArb = Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co)
Maz/Braid = Mazonia/Braidwood State Fish & Wildlife Area (Grundy/Will/Kankakee Cos)
MBC = Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
McCunePra = McCune Sand Prairie Nature Preserve (Bureau Co)

Abbreviations for place names, *continued*

McGinnis = McGinnis Slough (sw. Cook Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidFork = Middle Fork River Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
Mid Meadows = Midlothian Meadows Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Miller-And = Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve (Bureau Co)
MlrMdw = Miller Meadow, Midlothian Meadows Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
MissPalis = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
MissR = Mississippi River (various counties)
MomenceSod = H & E Sod Farm, Momence (Kankakee Co)
MomenceWet = Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
MoraineHills = Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)
MRB = Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
MSF&WA = Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area (Vermilion Co)
Mskoda = Mskoda Sands Preserve, St. Anne Township (Kankakee Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NewtonL = Newton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Jasper Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Northerlyl = Northerly Island, Burnham Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
NygrenWet = Nygren Wetlands Preserve (Winnebago Co)
OakBot = Oakwood Bottoms, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
O'Fallon WTP = O'Fallon Wastewater Treatment Plant (St. Clair Co)
Palos = Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Peabody = Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
PeacockM = marsh @ Peacock Engineering Company, Bolingbrook (Will Co)
Pecatonica = Pecatonica River area (Winnebago Co)
Pembroke = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
PereMar = Pere Marquette State Park (Jersey Co)
PineHills = Pine Hills/LaRue Ecological Area (Union Co)
PLNWR = Port Louisa NWR, Keithsburg Division of Mark Twain NWR Complex (Mercer Co)
PlumCrk = Plum Creek Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Pomona = Pomona area (Jackson Co)
Pratt'sWW = Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
PRKWA = Peabody River King Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
QC = Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock lsland Co)
QuincyBay = Quincy Bay State Fish & Wildlife Area (Adams Co)
Rckfd = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RedwingSl = Redwing Slough State Natural Area (Lake Co)
RendL = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
RRR = Rock Run Rookery Forest Preserve (Will Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
SagSl = Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co)
SBBO = Sand Bluff Bird Observatory (Winnebago Co)
SaltCrk = Salt Creek Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Sang = Sangamon Co
Sangchris = Sangchris Lake (Sangamon/Christian Cos)
SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
SCH = Spring Creek Headwaters Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
SFPK = Sauer Family Prairie Kame Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
ShabbonaL = Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area (DeKalb Co)
SiloamSpr = Siloam Springs State Park (Adams Co)
SNF = Shawnee National Forest (various counties)
SongbirdSl = Songbird Slough Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
SouthFm = University of Illinois's South Farms (Champaign Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SpgBlf = Spring Bluff Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Springbrk = Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co)
SpringCrk = Spring Creek Headwaters Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
SpringL = Spring Lake (Tazewell Co)
SRSF = Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle Co)
SugarR = Sugar River Alder Forest Preserve (Winnebago Co)
SwallowCliff = Swallow Cliff Woods Forest Preserve (Palos, Cook Co)
The Grove = The Grove National Historic Landmark, Glenview (Cook Co)
TinleyCrk = Tinley Creek Wetlands (s. Cook Co)
TOT = Trail of Tears SF (Union Co)
TwoRivers = Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
UMRNWR = Upper Mississippi River NWR (Carroll Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
VoloBog = Volo Bog State Natural Area (Lake Co)
WaterfallGlen = Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Wauk = Waukegan Beach & Harbor/lakefront (Lake Co)
WCCA = Washington County Conservation Area (Washington Co)
WhalonL = Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)
WhispWil = Whispering Willows Park, Bourbonnais (Kankakee Co)
Williamsfield = Williamsfield BBS (Knox/Fulton Cos)
WinthropH = Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
179th /Cen = 179th & Central Rds Forest Preserve, Country Club Hills (Cook Co)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end.

Transparent direetionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = north-east(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Cackling Geese.
Kirkland. DeKalb County. 28 October 2013.
Photo by Karen Lund.

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Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 18 Aug & 30 Sep, La Moille WTP (Bureau County) (MAM), lingering from summer; 28 Sep, Kaneville Quarry (Kane) (2) (ASA); 5-6 Oct (juv), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW:ph); 9-18 Oct, IBSP (EWW, SDB, BJS); 6 Oct (27), GVHW (REF, KDF). **MC**: 1200, CarlL-C, 26 Oct (DMK); 500, UCCA (RBt); 170, Chau, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB); 110, ClintonL, 26 Oct (NSy, HP, PB); 100+, BaileyWet, 26 Nov (CLH); 80, Sang, 30 Nov (HDB). Reported in 23 counties.

Snow Goose

EA: 8 Sep ("ad Blue"), Montrose (GAW); 16 Sep, GVHW (JAS, KDF); 29 Sep, IBSP (IBHW); 3 Nov (12), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 15,000, CarlL-C, 30 Nov (DMK); 1000, Two Rivers 12 Nov (BSf); 1000, UCCA, 27 Nov (RBt); 80, Sang, 26 Oct (HDB). Reported in 27 counties.

Ross's Goose

EA: 17 Sep, *Woodford*: borrow pit 800N/I-39 (TH); 26 Sep (4), Kaneville Quarry (Kane Co) (BA, m.obs.). **MC**: 30, CarlL-C, 7 Nov (DMK:ph); 6, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 15 Nov (DFS). **Others**: LSpfld, 14 Nov (HDB); LBloom, 18-28 Nov (BMy, m.obs.); LSule (Ogle Co), 30 Nov (DFS); DouglasPk, Chi (5), 19-27 Nov (EDG, m.obs.). Reported in 11 counties.

Cackling Goose

EA: 13 Sep (12), IBSP (IBHW); 13 Oct, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 1000, LSule (Ogle Co), 30 Nov (MMS); 900-1100, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 15-17 Nov (DFS, DTW). Reported in 22 counties.

Canada Goose

MC: 5000, Fermi, 8 Nov (ASA, JLe); 3334, *Kane,* 28 Sep (HA); 2005, LakeVilla (Lake Co), 12 Sep (RAB); 1689, JP, 26 Nov (RLS); 1700 CalPk, 30 Nov (MMC, JCv, FRM), 1000, *Kendall,* 19 Nov (DKl); 920, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS); 400, Sang, 8 Aug (HDB). Reported in 77 counties.

Mute Swan

MC: 121, BannerM, 18 Oct (AW); 54, E & W LoonL (Lake Co), 12 Nov (BWr); 44, Lakelands (Will Co), 4 Nov (ASA); 30, SpringL SFWA (Tazwell Co), 22 Aug (JR, WR); 25, LShel, 11 Oct (GT). Reported in 21 counties.

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 13, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 30 Nov (AW); 12, Piasa (Macoupin Co), 29 Nov (BSf). Reported in 15 counties.

Tundra Swan

EA: 26 Oct (6), IBSP (IBHW). **MC**: 2050, SpringL & BigSl (Carroll Co), 29 Nov (ASt); 120, IBSP, 10 Nov (IBHW); 75, Chau, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB); 50, L&D 13, 27 Nov (DHh). Reported in 14 counties.

Wood Duck

MC: 800, Lewistown (Fulton Co), 11 Sep (JWW); 425, HennepinL, 10 Aug (DFS); 400, UMRNWR, 12 Oct (KJM, m.obs.); 200, Chau, 30 Aug (JLe, m.obs.); 100, MendenhallPk (Peoria Co), 19 Aug (EC). Reported in 59 counties.

Gadwall

EA: 6 Aug (15), RollinsSav (BJS); 6 Aug, PeacockM (ASA). **MC**: 30,385, Chau, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB); 8000, CarlL-C, 11 Nov (DMK); 6200, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS) (21,000 estimated on IDNR aerial survey, HennepinL,14 Nov). Reported in 44 counties.

American Wigeon

EA: 3 Sep, RollinsSav (BJS). **MC**:1566, Chau, 8 Nov (RGB, SNB); 1235, HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS); 200, CarlL-C, 25-27 Oct (DMK). Reported in 29 counties.

American Black Duck

EA: 7 Aug, SibleyCA (Ford Co) (ESn). **MC**: 475, Chau, 8 Nov (RGB, SNB); 120, HennepinL, 29 Nov (DFS). Reported in 32 counties.

Mallard

MC: 117,524, Chau, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB); 40,000, CarlL-C, 24 Nov (DMK). 29,800, HennepinL, 29 Nov (DFS); 10,100, BraidwoodL, 29 Nov (JBH).

MOTTLED DUCK

EA: 25 Oct, ClintonL (MEF:ph); 29 Oct, Sangchris (HDB). **LD**: 16 Nov, Sangchris (HDB).

Blue-winged Teal

MC: 3000, Chau, 25 Sep (KAM); 1500, ClintonL, 20 Sep (MEF); 1500, Lewistown (Fulton Co), 11 Sep (JWW); 1000, Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co), 20 Sep (KAM). **LD**: 16 Nov, LSpfld (HDB). Reported in 51 counties.

Northern Shoveler

EA: 16 Aug, PeacockM, 16 Aug (ASA, DKl). **MC**: 10,628, Chau, 8 Nov (RGB, SNB); 960 HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS). Reported in 48 counties.

Northern Pintail

EA: 23 Aug, HennepinL (DFS). **MC**: 32,056, Chau, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB); 4000, CarlL-C, 26 Oct (DMK); 3600, TwoRivers, 20 Oct (EWW); 2210, HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS). Reported in 33 counties.

Green-winged Teal

EA: 10 Aug, Chau (SZ). **MC**: 30,269, Chau, 8 Nov (RGB, SNB). Reported in 42 counties.

Canvasback

EA: 19 Oct, SagSl (AAA, AG); 21 Oct (8), LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 690, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS); 120, CarlL-C, 28 Nov (DMK); 70, Thomson, UMRNWR, 27 Nov (MMS). Reported in 23 counties.

Redhead

EA: 1 Aug, Plum Grove Res Pk (Cook Co) (ASn, RSn); 10 Aug, Emiquon (KAM, m.obs.). (these most likely were summering birds as most migrate in Oct). **MC**: 1910, IBSP, 14 Nov (EWW); 400, RainbowB, Chi, 30 Nov (DFS); 200, CarlL-C, 7 & 11 Nov (DMK). Reported in 23 counties.

Ring-necked Duck
EA: 25 Aug, Meredosia NWR (TH); 29 Sep, Emiquon (TH, MJW); 1 Oct, LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 2200, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS); 1530, Chau, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB). Reported in 37 counties.

Greater Scaup
EA: 19 Oct (3), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 1200, IBSP, 14 Nov (EWW). Reported in 12 counties.

Lesser Scaup
EA: 21 Sep (6), Miller's Landing, MissPalis (SAm). **MC**: 8000, CarlL-C, 8-11 Nov (DMK); 306, Sang, 11 Nov (HDB); 225, LDec, 11 Nov (TAM); 170, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS). Reported in 31 counties.

Harlequin Duck
EA: 13-21 Nov, Wauk (DDz, JSS, m.obs). **MC**: 2, IBSP & Wauk, 14 Nov (EWW). **Others:** LoyolaPk, Chi, 21-30 Nov, (SGS:ph, FRM, APS).

Surf Scoter
EA & MC: 14 Oct (36), Gillson (AFS, APS, JRS, AG, EDG). **Others:** CarlL-C, 26 Oct & 8 Nov (DMK:ph); Dunlop WTP (3), 19 Oct (EC); LSpfld (2), 26 Oct & 31 Oct (4) (HDB); EvergreenL (Woodford Co) 29 Oct (MJW); NPM (3), 20 Oct & 10 Nov (6) (BJS); ClintonL, 8 Nov (MEF); Baker'sL, 9 Nov (AG); JP, 6-9 Nov (RLS, m.obs.). Reported in 7 counties.

White-winged Scoter
EA: 14 Oct (2), Gillson (AFS, APS, JRS, AG, EDG). **MC**: 4, LMichigan pelagic (Cook Co) , 27 Oct (GAW, m.obs.). **Others**: WhiteOakP (McLean Co), 2 Nov (MJW, BMy); ElPaso WTP (Woodford Co), 11 Nov (TH, MJW, JP); MississippiR, N of Hamilton (Handcock Co), 30 Nov (AMR). Reported in 5 counties.

Black Scoter
EA: 14 Oct (2), Gillson (AFS, APS, JRS, AG, EDG). **MC**: 6, Ft Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 5 Nov (PAM); 6, LDec, 11 Nov (TAM); 6, LSpfld, 13 Nov (HDB); 6, EForkL, 5 Nov (CLH;ph). **Others:** ElPaso WTP (Woodford Co), 8-9 Nov (TH, BMy, JP); Spring Bay Fen NP (Woodford Co), 4 Nov (TH). Reported in 7 counties.

Long-tailed Duck
EA: 27 Oct, LSpfld (HDB). **Others**: CarlL-C, 2 Nov (DMK); IBSP, 14 Nov (EWW); CarlL-C (2), 24 Nov (DMK); Gillson, 24 Nov (AG); RainbowB, Chi 27 Nov (JRRS). Reported in 4 counties.

Bufflehead
EA: 14 Oct (7), Gillson (APS, AFS, JRS, m.obs.). **MC**: 72, JP, 12 Nov (RLS); 60, CarlL-C, 29 Nov (DMK); 51, LDec, 12 Nov (TAM). Reported in 29 counties.

Common Goldeneye
EA: 27 Oct, RiverfrontPk, Peoria (Peoria Co) (MJW, TH); 28 Oct, Gillson (FRM, JPL). **MC**: 200, CarlL-C, 24-30 Nov (DMK); 96, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 30 Nov (DBJ); 77, LSpfld, 27 Nov (HDB). Reported in 22 counties.

Hooded Merganser
MC: 214, RollinsSav, 3 Nov (BJS); 180, ClintonL, 22 Nov (MEF); 123, Rte 6 quarry ponds (Will Co), 27 Nov (ASA); 105, ClearL, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB). Reported in 30 counties.

Common Merganser
EA: 3 Nov, McGinnis (LR). **MC**: 90, Wauk, 15 Nov (PAM). Reported in 8 counties.

Red-breasted Merganser
EA: 27 Sep, Montrose (JNN, ABB, DKA). **MC**: 3000, Gillson, 10 Nov (AG); 2000, NPM, 10 Nov (BJS); 1350, Montrose, 26 Nov (JRRS). Reported in 16 counties.

Ruddy Duck
MC: 3000, CarlL-C, 8 Nov (DMK); 2165, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS); 457, Spring Bay Fen NP (Woodford Co), 9 Nov (TH);

Harlequin Duck. Loyola Park. Chicago. Cook County. 23 November 2013. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

400, Sang, 9 & 30 Nov (HDB); 389, ClintonL, 8 Nov (MEF); 387, Chau, 16 Nov (RGB, SNB). Reported in 39 counties.

Northern Bobwhite
MC: 19, Bartel LWR (Marion Co), 15 Sep (NSy, PB); 17, *Edwards*, 30 Sep (RES); 16, Wolf Creek Causeway (Williamson Co), 19 Sep (WW); 16, Macedonia (Franklin Co), 29 Nov (APt). Reported in 34 counties.

Ring-necked Pheasant
MC: 12, Tampico (Whiteside Co), 8 Sep (DHh); 9, Schroeder WS (McLean Co), 13 Oct (BMy, LA). Reported in 24 counties.

Greater Prairie-Chicken
MC: 14, PrRdg-M, 30 Oct (RES, CLH); 12, PrRdg-J, 22 Oct (RES).

Wild Turkey
MC: 40, Hwy 127 jct Plum Rd (Perry Co), 29 Oct (WW); 30, Tampico (Whiteside Co), 8 Sep (DHh). Reported in 38 counties.

Red-throated Loon
EA: 26 Oct (juv), CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 28 Oct (2 juv) & 31 Oct (1 juv), LDec, (TAM); 29 Oct, LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 4, IBHW, 26 Oct (PWS); 3 (2 ad & 1 juv), CarlL-C, 3 Nov (DMK). **Others**: LSpfld (juv), 2-4 Nov (HDB). Reported in 4 counties.

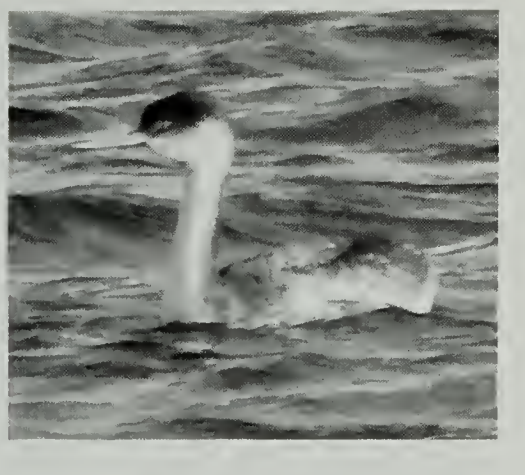
Pacific Loon
EA: 2 Nov (juv), LSpfld (HDB). **Others**: LSpfld (ad), 9 Nov (HDB); LoyolaP, Chi & Montrose (juv), 18 & 20 Nov (SGS:ph, LGM). All reports.

Common Loon
EA: 13 Oct, LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 54, Sang, 6 Nov (HDB); 30, CarlL-C, 3 Nov (DMK); 29, ClintonL, 1 Nov (MEF); 28, Lake Michigan pelagic (Cook Co), 27 Oct (GAW, m.obs.). Reported in 17 counties.

Pied-billed Grebe
MC: 386, Emiquon, 11 Nov (GAW); 120, CarlL-C, 3 Nov (DMK); 69, HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS). Reported in 56 counties.

Horned Grebe
EA: 18 Aug, Milford WTP (Iroquois Co) (ESe); 4 Oct (3), Emiquon (EWr). **MC**: 150, CarlL-C, 11 Nov (DMK); 48, ClintonL, 8 Nov (MEF); 35, Sang, 7 Nov (HDB). Reported in 21 counties.

Red-necked Grebe.
East Fork Lake. Olney.
Richland County.
19 October 2013.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.



Western Grebe.
East Fork Lake. Olney.
Richland County.
19 October 2013.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 13 Oct, *Tazewell,* Sun Belt Rentals on ILR (TH, MJW); 19 Oct (juv), EForkL (CLH:ph, KAM, RES). **MC**: 2, ClintonL, 27 Oct (MML). **Others**: CarlL-C (juv), 25-27 Oct, (DMK:ph); LSpfld, 2 Nov (3), two on 10 Nov (HDB); Montrose, 12 Nov (MCD); 87th St, Chi, 24 Nov, (JRRS, EDG). Reported in 4 counties.

Eared Grebe

EA: 29 Sep (imm), Sangchris, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 2, Fermi, 26 Oct (ASA, DLe). **Others**: Montrose, 13-30+Nov (LGM, MCD, AFS, m.obs.); CooperP (Tazewell Co) 13 Oct (TH, MJW); PeoriaL (Tazewell Co) 13 Oct (MJW); RainbowB, 24 Nov (JRRS, AG). Reported in 4 counties.

Western Grebe

EA: 18-19 Oct, EForkL (CLH:ph, RES, KAM); 27 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

LD: 3 Aug & 27 Aug, Indian RidgeM & Burnhan PrairieM, LCal, (WJM, RLS, JRRS, m.obs.).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 3000, CarlL-C, 30 Sep & 28 Oct (KAM); 2000, Wauk, 31 Aug (ASl); 900, LaSalleL, 11 Aug (BCr). Reported in 61counties.

ANHINGA

IBSP (♀or imm type), 13 Sep (IBHW, JRRS, PWS:ph); GVHW, 29 Sep & 10 Oct (REF, KF, MAM, VS, m.obs.).

American White Pelican

MC: 20,000, CarlL-C, 5-6 Oct (DMK); 4500, Chau, 9 Aug (KAM); 3500, Emiquon, 7 Sep (JIE). Reported in 45 counties.

American Bittern

EA: 10 Sep, Montrose, (FRM, MCD). **MC**: 2, Montrose, 7 Oct (MCD); 2, Lewistown (Fulton Co), 9 Sep (JWW). **LD**: 3 & 13 Oct, RollinsSav (SDB); 10 Oct, St. Ellen MineP (St. Clair Co) (NC). Reported in 8 counties.

Least Bittern

MC: 3, Lewistown (Fulton Co), 9 Sep (JWW). **LD**: 13 Oct, RollinsSav (ASn, RSn). Reported in 7 counties.

Juvenile Black-crowned Night-Heron.
Kaufman Lake. Champaign. Champaign County.
5 August 2013. Photo by Joel Tucker.

Plegadis ibis. Bailey Wetland.
Wayne County. 25 October 2015.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Great Blue Heron

MC: 200, CarlL-C, 24 Aug & mult. dates – 6 Oct (DMK); 151, Chau, 18 Aug (RGB, SNB). Reported in 78 counties.

Great Egret

MC: 2100, Chau, 9 Aug (KAM); 1400, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) 8 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 26 Nov, FSHW (ASl). Reported in 60 counties.

Snowy Egret

EA: 17 Aug, Emiquon (BMy, CMy); 4-6 Sep (imm), LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 65, TwoRivers, 24 Aug (GHy); 35, HL, 24 Aug (FRH). **LD**: 11 Oct (3), Harding Ditch (St. Clair Co) (KAM). Reported in 13 counties.

Little Blue Heron

MC: 600, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 8 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 29 Sep, Emiquon (CS). Reported in 15 counties.

Cattle Egret

MC: 5, Lewistown (Fulton Co), 9 Sep (JWW). **LD**: 18 Nov, McLane Midwest Pond (Vermilion Co) (JRr, BSo). Reported in 7 counties.

Green Heron

MC: 11, Dunn Waterfowl Area (Moultrie Co), 25 Aug (TDF); 10, MermetL, 18 Aug (JGd). **LD**: 8 Nov, IBSP (PWS); 5 Nov, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RAB). Reported in 43 counties.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 47, Lewistown (Fulton Co), 9 Sep (JWW); 27, LincolnPk, Chi, [a breeding group] 2 Aug (CV); 16, AlmondM, 18 Aug (REP). **LD**: 24 Nov, LincolnPk, Chi (JIN). Reported in 24 counties.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 5, Cahokia Mounds SP (St. Clair Co), 17 Aug (ASA); 2, Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co), 23 Aug (JRy, WRy). **LD**: 25 Aug, Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co) (JAS). Reported in 4 counties.

Plegadis, sp?

MC: 9, Emiquon, 11-24 Nov (GAW, CS). **Other**: BaileyWet (3), 25 Oct (CLH:ph).

ROSEATE SPOONBILL

LD: 29 Nov (juv), Cinder Flats, LSpfld (SH, TH, HDB: ph). Latest date ever for the state and probably the farthest north record in Illinois.

Black Vulture

MC: 60, *Franklin*, 6 Oct (LS); 22, *Massac*, 15 Sep (TWf). **Others**: Mt Vernon (4) (Jefferson Co), 16 Nov (EWW). Reported in 11 counties.

Turkey Vulture

MC: 433, GVHW, 23 Oct; 353, *Cook*, 18 Oct (MCD, MMC, SBB); 201, IBSP, 18 Oct (IBHW); 150, Sang, 14 Oct (HDB); 99, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), Sep 27 (RGB, SNB); 94, *Iroquois*, 22 Sep (JRr). Reported in 90 counties.

Osprey

EA: 8 Aug, EForkL (CLH); 31 Aug (4), IBSP (IBHW). **MC**: 14, IBSP, 6 Oct (IBHW, KML). **LD**: 10 Nov, FSHW; 5 Nov, Kankakee Pks (JHH). Reported in 38 counties.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE

IBHW, I Sep (KML:ph, PWS:ph, RE, JSw).

Mississippi Kite

MC: 24, *Alexander;* 15 Aug (KAM); 8, IBSP (IBHW), 11 Sep (JSw, CWr); 3, *Winnebago*, 1 Aug-2 Sep (m.obs.); 3, Sang, 25 Aug (HDB); 3 *Adams*, 16 Aug (BSl); 3, HL, 24 Aug (FRH). **LD**: 20 Oct, IBSP (IBHW, PWS). Reported in 9 counties.

Bald Eagle

EA: 2 Sep, IBSP (IBHW); 4 Sep, FSHW. **MC**: 255, SpringL & Big Sl (Carroll Co), 29 Nov (ASt); 98, Two Rivers, 26 Nov (BSf). Reported in 58 counties.

Northern Harrier

MC: 12, IBSP, 18 Oct (IBHW). Reported in 48 counties.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 21 Aug, *McLean* (NSy, SBn). **MC**: 246, IBSP, 18 Oct (IBHW, JRRS, PWS); 103, FSHW, 26 Oct (VOB, ASl, MF); 78, GVHW, 23 Oct. Reported in 32 counties.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 14, IBSP, 19 Oct (IBHW); 10, GVHW, 7 & 23 Oct. Reported in 53 counties.

Northern Goshawk

EA: 22 Oct (2), IBSP (IBHW, BZ); 23 Oct, GVHW (REF, MBc). **MC**: 3, FSHW, 26 Oct; 3, FSHW, 9 Nov. **Others**: LincGardens Spfld (ad killed a BLJA), 30 Oct (HDB). Reported in 4 counties.

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 7, GVHW, 10 Nov (JAS, REF); 5, FSHW, 26 Oct (ASl). Reported in 37 counties.

Broad-winged Hawk

MC: 18, *Rock Island*, 21 Sep (DHh); 11, GVHW, 22 Sep. **LD**: 15 Nov, IBSP (IBHW); 12 Nov, GVHW (JAS, MBc). No large flights detected. Reported in 26 counties.

Swainson's Hawk

EA: 14 Oct (imm), GVHW (JAS:ph, MBc). **LD**: 12 Nov (ad), IBHW (BZ). **Others**: IBHW (ad), 18 Oct, (JRRS, PWS); FMNH Campus, Chi (imm), 18 Oct (JIE, DEW, JDW); IBHW, 21 Oct (PWS); FSHW, 21 Oct (MF); GVHW, 26 Oct (JAS, MBc).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 209, IBHW, 19 Oct (PWS, VOB, m. obs.); 182, GVHW, 23 Oct (REF, MBc); 184, FSHW, 9 Nov (VOB, MF). Reported in 84 counties.

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 21 Oct, IBHW (PWS); 24 Oct (2), GVHW (REF, MAM); 26 Oct, FSHW (VOB, MF, ASl); 10 Nov (2), PrRdg-J (CLH). **MC**: 11, IBHW, 7 Nov (JK, RDJ). Reported in 24 counties.

Golden Eagle

EA: 22 Sep GVHW. **MC**: 2, GVHW, 6 Oct. **Others**: GVHW, 18 Oct; GVHW, 22 Oct; IBSP, 21 Oct (IBHW); IBSP, 25 Oct (IBHW); FSHW, 9 & 10 Nov; GVHW, 12 Nov; GVHW, 14 Nov; GVHW(ad), 24 Nov; FSHW(ad), 23 Nov; Knapheide Plant area, Quincy (Adams Co), 16 Nov (AMR, PRn, PJR). Reported in 3 counties.

Yellow Rail

EA: 7 Oct, PrRdg-M (RES). **MC**: 2, PrRdg-J, 16 Oct (RES). **LD**: 29 Oct, PrRdg-J (RES). **Others**: GrantPk, 8 Oct (DBJ); Michigan Ave, Chi, in doorway—rescued by FCWR, 8 Oct (*fide* DKr); WhalonL, 15 Oct (ASA).

King Rail

MC: 2, Midewin, 6 Aug (CMA). The only report.

Virginia Rail

EA: 21 Aug, PrRdg-M (CLH). **LD**: 3 Nov, Heron CP (NG, APS); 13 Oct (2), COLSP (SDB, BJS). Reported in 8 counties.

Sora

EA: 20 Aug, JP (RLS); 28 Aug, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 21, Chau. 18 Sep (RGB, SNB); 10, Emiquon, 29 Sep (TR); 8, RollinsSav, 3 Oct (SDB). **LD**: 8 Nov, BaileyWet (CLH); 13 Oct (6), COLSP (SDB, BJS). Reported in 23 counties.

Common Gallinule

MC: 16, Emiquon, 29 Sep (TH, MJW); 8, MermetL (JGd). **Others**: GreenR (4), 10 Aug (DFS). Reported in 7 counties.

American Coot

EA: 12 Sep, JP (RLSA); 12 Sep, Marine Pt, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 27,400, HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS); 13,388, Chau 8 Nov (RGB, SNB); 8000, CarlL-C, 3 Nov (DMK); 3000, Emiquon, 25 Oct (AW), 2000+, TwoRivers, 7 Nov (BSf, CSm, JMy); 1050, Sang, 21 Oct (HDB). Reported in 47 counties.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 17,507, GVHW, 23 Nov (REF, KF, VS, m.obs); 5123, Lake Villa, (Lake Co), 23 Nov (RAB).

Roseate Spoonbill.
Sangamon County. 29 November 2013.
Photo by H. David Bohlen, courtesy of the Illinois State Museum.

American Avocet. Montrose, Chicago. Cook County. 2 October 2013. Photo by John Picken.

WHOOPING CRANE

MC: 8, *Winnebago*, 27 Oct. (Operation Migration). **LD**: 18 Nov (2), GVHW (JAS, MBc, m.obs.). **Others**: EPSTP (3), 11 Nov, (TH); BaileyWet, 11 Nov – Dec+ (CLH); *Wabash* (2), 25 Nov (CLH).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 25 July (ad ♀) Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB:ph). **MC**: 85, Chau, 10 Aug (BMy); 40, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 10 Aug (DKM;ph); 35, Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co), 25 Aug (JAS); 25, Big Muddy Levee Rd (Jackson Co), 12 Sep (JGd); 19, AMAX, 4 Aug (CLH). **LD**: 15 Sep (3), Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), (ASA, JLe, JIN, JAS). **Others**: Utica (LaSalle Co), 7-15 Jul (AFS, DTW); Rochelle (2) (Ogle Co), 22-27 Jul (DTW). Reported in 11 counties.

American Avocet

EA: 30 June, WhispWil (JBH:ph), 8 Jul (13), Island View (Whiteside Co) (DHh). **MC**: 34, CarlL-C, 29 Sep (DMK;ph); 20, LSpfld, 3 Oct (HDB); 15, Bob Bangert Pk, Quincy (Adams Co), 20 Sep (JGa); 15, O'Fallon WTP, 2 Nov (KAM); 14, Chau, 10 Aug (EWW). **LD**: 6 Nov, CarlL-C (GHy). Reported in 16 counties.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 30 Jul, Wauk (BJS). **MC**: 5, Chau, 10-30 Aug (TH, DHr, m.obs.); 5, LCal, 11 Aug (JIE). **LD**: 3 Nov, Emiquon (EWW). Reported in 15 counties.

American Golden-Plover

EA: 7 Aug, H & E Sod Farm, Ahern (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 674, H & E Sod Farm, Ahern (Kankakee Co), 8 Sep (JBH). **LD**: 13 Oct (15), Tampico (Whiteside Co) (DHh). Reported in 32 counties.

Hudsonian Godwit. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 29 September 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Whimbrel. Illinois Beach State Park. Lake County. 8 September 2013. Photo by Karen Lund.

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 11 Jul, East BranchFP (DuPage Co) (BGm); 13 Jul, Wood Dale Res (DuPage Co) (ABA); 14 Jul, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 23, CWRP, 25 Aug (WJM, MCD, m.obs.). **LD**: 2 Nov CarlL-C (CDn, TW); 25 Oct, NippersinkM (Lake Co) (CSl). Reported in 33 counties.

Piping Plover

EA: 16 Jul, BigL (Bown Co) (AW:ph); 24-25 Aug, Chau (BMy, JP, APS, RE, JWL, JOS, UWG, m.obs.).

Killdeer

MC: 4000, Chau, 31 Aug (MLPR, MH); 831, H & E Sod Farms, Ahern (Kankakee Co), 1 Sep (JBH). Reported in 77 counties.

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 29 Jun, Jasper Twp (Wayne Co) (CLH). **MC**: 30, Chau, 24 Jul (BG); 24, Wood Dale Res (DuPage Co), 13 Jul (ABA); 23, Intermodal Ponds, Rochelle (Ogle Co) 30 Jul (DTW). **LD**: 23 Oct, KankakeePks (JBH). Reported in 46 counties.

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 30 Jun, Fermi (PAM); 30 Jun, LCal (TW); 4 Jul (3), BigL (Brown Co) & Meredosia, 4 Corners (Morgan Co) (CDn). **MC**: 30, Intermodal Ponds, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 10 Aug (NB); 19, Fermi (PAM). **LD**: 21 Oct, Churchill Wds FP (DuPage Co) (LMn:ph). Reported in 44 counties.

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 16 Jun, *Monroe* (C&PD); 30 Jun, HennepinL (DHh). **MC**: 103, Chau, 27 Sep (RGB, SNB); 42, BaileyWet 26 Oct (RES, CLH). **LD**: 15 Nov (2), ClintonL (MEF); 14 Nov, Wauk (EWW); 14 Nov, Sangchris, Sang (HDB). Reported in 39 counties.

Willet

EA: 25 Jun, CarlL-C (MSS); 6 Jul (2), MidSav (EE:ph et al.); 6 Jul (2), Montrose (KBs:ph). **MC**: 27, Montrose, 8 Jul (TJ:ph, fide LB); 5, Montrose, 6 Aug (MCD, JRRS, HS); 5, CarlL-C, 14 Jul (DMK). **LD**: 22 Aug, BillsbachL (Marshall Co) (TH). Reported in 6 counties.

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 28 Jun (3), *Monroe* (KAM); 29 Jun, Jasper Twp (Wayne Co) (CLH); 30 Jun, HennepinL, (DHh). **MC**: 1600, Chau, 21 Jul (KAM); 2000, Chau, 25 Aug (KAM). 1909, Chau, 2 Aug (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 15 Nov, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (DFS); 10 Nov, CarlL-C (GAW). Reported in 45 counties.

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 10 Aug (2), Momence Sod Farms (Kankakee Co) (DB); 10 Aug, Alba Twp (Henry Co) (DFS). **Others**: *Whiteside*, 10 Sep (DHh); CarlL-C, 2 Sep (DMK, TAM, JPM & CMM). **LD**: 11 Sep, GWTP (BMy). Reported in 5 counties.

Whimbrel

EA: 16-23 Jul, IBSP (SP, BJS); 17 Jul, Montrose (JRRS;ph, MCD, AG, LJK). **MC**: 2, Montrose, 22 Aug (MCD). **LD**: 8 Sep, IBSP (PWS). **Others**: Montrose, 27 Aug (MCD); Montrose, 1 Sep (JRRS, FRM, TWf). All reports.

Hudsonian Godwit

CarlL-C, 29 Aug (DMK:ph, JV). One report.

Marbled Godwit. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 31 August 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Wilson's Phalarope. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 24 August 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Marbled Godwit
EA: 14 Jul (2), one on 20-21 Jul, Emiquon (MJW, SAu, m.obs.); 10 Aug (2), Chau, (CDn, TW, m.obs.). **MC**: 4, ClearL, 27 Sep (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 30 Aug – 7 Sep, CarlL-C (CLH:ph, DKM:ph,TAM:ph, GHy:ph, m.obs.). Reported in 3 counties.

Ruddy Turnstone
EA: 21 Jul, WaukB (ASl). **MC**: only one reported anywhere in the state. **LD**: 29 Sep, Emiquon (TH, MJW). Reported in 5 counties.

Red Knot
EA: 24 Jul (alt pl), Chau (KBR); 24-31 Aug (juv), Chau (JWL, JOS, UWG, m.obs.). **LD**: 2 Sep (juv), Montrose (SB, m.obs:ph). **Others:** Island View (Whiteside Co), 26-27 Aug (DHh, DTW). Reported in 3 counties.

Stilt Sandpiper
EA: 4 Jul, BigL (Brown Co) (CDn); 6 Jul, Fermi (PAM); 7 Jul, GreeneVal (ASA:ph). **MC**: 300, Chau, 21 Jul & 16 Aug (KAM, RGB, SNB); 100, CarlL-C, 25 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 29 Oct, Illinois Wide Waters (LaSalle Co) (TH). Reported in 30 counties.

Sanderling
EA: 3 Jul, Montrose (LGM:ph). **MC**: 56, Montrose, 8 Sep (AG); 51, IBSP, 5 Sep (AFS); 20, CarlL-C, 21 Sep (DKM:ph). **LD**: 29 Oct, W-394 & Lincoln Hwy Pond (Cook Co) (SZ). Reported in 10 counties.

Dunlin
EA: 6 Sep, Illinois Wide Waters (LaSalle Co) (TH). **MC**: 60, CarlL-C, 20 Oct (DMK); 40, Emiquon, 10 Nov (CS, KBR); 30, BaileyWet (CLH, RES). **LD**: 23 Nov, DuPage Technology Park (DuPage Co) (ASA). Reported in 25 counties.

Purple Sandpiper
Conspicuous by their absence since fall of 2011.

Baird's Sandpiper
EA: 20 Jul, Montrose (MCD, AG, JRRS, RLS); 20 Jul, Chau (KBR). **MC**: 200, Chau, 31 Aug (MLPR, MH). **LD**: 18 Oct, GWTP (BMy). Reported in 21 counties.

Least Sandpiper
EA: 28 Jun (ad), LSpfld (HDB); 29 Jun, Fermi (PAM). **MC**: 781, Chau, 16 Aug (RGB, SNB); 650, BigL (Brown Co), 15 Jul (CDn); 200, CarlL-C, 24-25 Aug & 5 Oct (DMK); 182, Fermi, 6 Aug (AFS). **LD**: 23 Nov (3), Bob Bangert Pk, Quincy (Adams Co) (AMR, PJR); 22 Nov (2), LDec (TAM). Reported in 43 counties.

White-rumped Sandpiper
EA: 20 Jul, Chau (NSr); 20 Jul, BigL (Brown Co) (NSr). **MC**: 4, CONWR, 24 Sep (JGd). **LD**: 18 Oct, Dunlap WTP (Peoria Co) (EC); 18 Oct, LBloomington (McLean Co) (TH). Reported in 13 counties.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper
EA: 2 Aug, Book Rd Sod Farm (Will Co) (ASA:ph). **MC**: 11, Sauk Valley Turf (Whiteside Co), 11 Sep (DHh); 6, H & E Sod Farms, Ahern (Kankakee Co), 12 Sep (JBH). **Others**: HL, 24 Aug (FRH). **LD**: 31 Sep, Book Rd Sod Farm (Will Co) (CAT). Reported in 14 counties.

Pectoral Sandpiper
EA: 4 Jul (6), BigL (Brown Co) (CDn); 4 Jul(4), Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co) (CDn). **MC**: 5000, Chau, 9 Aug (KAM); 3508, Chau, 16 Aug (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 25 Nov, EPSTP (TH). Seen into Dec, Sang (HDB). Reported in 40 counties.

Semipalmated Sandpiper
EA: 2 Jul, Fermi (RJD); 3 Jul, Montrose (LGM); 12 Jul, Utica (LaSalle Co) (DFS); 19 Jul (3), Amax (CLH). **MC**: 1007, Chau, 16 Aug (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 20 Oct (2), LBloomington (McLean Co) (BMy); 20 Oct (3), CarlL-C, (DMK). Reported in 37 counties.

Western Sandpiper
EA: 20 Jul (2 ad), BigL (Brown Co) (NSr). **MC**: 5, *Monroe*, 4 Aug (C&PD). **LD**: 29 Sep (4), CarlL-C (DMK, JV). Reported in 7 counties.

Short-billed Dowitcher
EA: 4 Jul (2), BigL (CDn); 4 Jul, Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co) (CDn); 12 Jul (3), Jasper Twp (Wayne Co) (CLH). **MC**: 70, ClearL, 30 Aug (RGB, SNB); 40, Chau, 21 Jul (KAM). Reported in 26 counties.

Long-billed Dowitcher
EA: 6 Aug, Montrose (JRRS:ph; MCD, m.obs.). **MC**: 18, CarlL-C, 13 Oct (DMK:ph). **LD**: 11 Nov, LDec (TAM). Reported in 18 counties.

Wilson's Snipe
EA: 4 Jul, *Mason* (DHh); 4 Jul, DanadaFP (DuPage Co) (DLe). **MC**: 51, BaileyWet, 26 Oct (CLH, RES); 34, WhalonL, 18 Sep (ASA). **LD**: 27 Nov (13), HLCA (RBt). Reported in 33 counties.

American Woodcock
EA: 24 Aug, SBBO (Winnebago Co) (JLy). **MC**: 3, SBBO (JLy). **LD**: 10 Nov, NPM (BJS). Reported in 9 counties.

Wilson's Phalarope
EA: 20 Jul, Chau (KBR); 21 Jul, Emiquon (KAM). **MC**: 9, Chau, 2 Sep (TH, DHr). **LD**: 5 Oct, CarlL-C, (DMK:ph). Reported in 9 counties. Detected into December.

Red-necked Phalarope
EA: 6-10 Aug (juv), Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB); 10-12 Aug (juv), Alba Twp (Henry Co) (DFS, UWG, AFS, APS). **MC**: 32, Chau, 25 Aug (KAM, JAS, m.obs.). **LD**: 21 Sep (2), CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 9 counties.

Red Phalarope
EA: 28-29 Sep, LSpfld (HDB); 29 Sep, CarlL-C (JV). **LD**: 26 Oct, BaileyWet (RES, CJH). First Wayne Co record.

PARASITIC JAEGER
EA: 1 -7 Sep (dark phase juv), CarlL-C (DMK:ph, CLH:ph). **MC**: 6 (juv), CarlL-C, 3 Sep (DMK, TDF)
LD: 3 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK).

Laughing Gull. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 9 November 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Little Gull. One of two 1st Cycle immatures present on this date. Note tail difference in this photo versus other one on this page. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 9 November 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Little Gull. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 9 November 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER

EA: 24 Aug – 2 Sep (light phase juv), CarlL-C (DMK:ph, TDF, TAM, KAM, CPA).

Sabine's Gull

EA & MC: 2 (ad), CarlL-C, 2 Sep & 1 ad, 3-4 Sep (DMK, TAM, TDF, m.obs.); 2, CarlL-C, 9 Oct (KAM). **Others**: LSpfld, 12 Sep – 12 Oct (juv), (HDB); CarlL-C, 9-12 Oct (juv), (DMK, KAM). **LD**: 13 Oct (juv), HL (FRH).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 30 Jul, Montrose (JLe, LGM); 31 Jul, Wauk (AFS, BJS). **MC**: 15,000, CarlL-C, 23-24 Nov (DMK). **LD**: 29 Nov (11), HL (FRH); 29 Nov (3), Woodford Co CA (MMl). Reported in 25 counties.

LITTLE GULL

EA: 1 Sep (juv), Chau (EWW:ph). **MC**: CarlL-C, 3-13 Nov (DMK:ph, AAA, KAM, CLH:ph, MSS, CSn, m.obs.). **MC**: 2, CarlL-C, 9 Nov (DMK:ph, CLH:ph). **Others**: LSpfld, 14-15 Nov (1st) (HDB); LShel (1st), 2 Nov (TAM, RBy, APS); CarlL-C (ad), 26-28 Oct, (DMK:ph, KAM). Reported in 4 counties.

Laughing Gull

EA: 3 Aug – 9 Nov (ad), CarlL-C (DMK:ph, CLH:ph). **Others**: CarlL-C (1st), 6 Oct (DMK:ph); SagSl (ad), 18 Oct (AAA). **LD**: 9 Nov, CarlL-C (AAA, CLH:ph, MSS, DMK). Reported in 2 counties.

Light and dark morph juvenile Parasitic Jaegers. Six immature Parasitic Jaegers were observed on the same day. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 7 September 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Dark morph juvenile Parasitic Jaeger. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 7 September 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Light morph juvenile Parasitic Jaeger. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 7 September 2013. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Franklin's Gull. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 11 August 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Franklin's Gull

EA: 4 Aug (2), Emiquon (CDn); 9 Aug (2), Chau (KAM); 11 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 100, Montrose, 26 Oct (RDH, KKM); 63, HL (FRH); 48, CalPk, 26 Oct (AAA); 40, TwoRivers, 20 Oct (EWW). **LD**: 25 Nov, EPSTP (TH); 22 Nov, Garden Prairie Sl (Boone Co) (DFS); 22 Nov, Sangchris (HDB). Reported in 24 counties.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 3000, HL, 24 Nov (FRH); 3000, Sang, 5 Nov (HDB); 2896, Chau, 2 Aug (RGB, SNB); 1500, CarlL-C, 28-30 Nov (DMK). Reported in 55 counties.

CALIFORNIA GULL

Lake Michigan Pelagic (Cook Co) 27 Oct (ad) (AAA:ph, SDB, GAW, m.obs.). NPM, 11 Nov (RDH:ph, KKM). Peoria Lk (Tazewell Co) (1st), 28 Nov (MJW).

Herring Gull

EA: 2 Sep (ad), LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 2350, NPM, 23 Nov (CAT). Reported in 35 counties.

Thayer's Gull

EA: 19 Oct (juv), Montrose (MEL). **MC**: 4, NPM, 30 Nov (ASA, JLe). Reported in 6 counties.

Iceland Gull

EA: 30 Nov, Park No. 523, Chi (DFS, SZ).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 11 Aug (2nd), CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 3 (1st, 2nd & ad), CarlL-C, 2 Nov (DMK). Reported in 11 counties.

Glaucous Gull

EA: 7 Nov (ad), NPM (JLS); 14-17 Nov (2nd), LSpfld (HDB). **Others**: Montrose (ad) 25-30 Nov (LGM, MDe, m.obs.); NPM, 30 Nov (ASA, JLe). **MC**: 2, Montrose, 29 Nov (JIE, EGl:ph, m.obs.). Reported in 4 counties.

California Gull (at top). Lake Michigan pelagic trip. Cook County. 27 October 2013. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 27 Oct, BurnhamP – McCormickNA Chi (EE); 3 Nov (2nd), LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 2, Montrose, 15 Nov (LGM, DKA, m.obs.). Reported in 3 counties.

Least Tern

MC: 28, *Alexander*, 15 Aug (KAM). **Others**: LShel (juv) & Eagle Creek SP (Shelby Co), 25 Aug (TAM); *White* (4), 8 Aug (RES); CIPS (Jasper Co), 28 Aug (RES); AMAX (5), 4 Aug (CLH).

Caspian Tern

MC: 150, CarlL-C, 18 Aug (DMK:ph); 85, Sang, 26 Aug (HDB). Reported in 33 counties.

Black Tern

MC: 60, 3 Aug & 1 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK); 33, Chau, 19 Aug (PB, SBn, NSy). **LD**: 9 Oct, CarlL-C (KAM). Reported in 14 counties.

Common Tern

MC: 15, Montrose, 8 Sep (AG). **LD**: 27 Oct, Lake Michigan Pelagic (Cook Co) (GAW, m.obs.); 13 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). Reported in 7 counties.

ARCTIC TERN

White Oak Pk, Bloomington (McLean Co), 8 Oct (MJW:ph, BMy, LA, SAu:ph). A first fall immature tern.

Forster's Tern

MC: 43, RendL-J, 15 Sep (TD). **LD**: 16 Nov, CarlL-C (BR, DMa). Reported in 23 counties.

ROYAL TERN

[Emiquon, 4 Aug (UWG, m.obs). In review by IORC]. CarlL-C, 10 Aug (2nd) (DMK:ph, JPM, CMM, CLH:ph, KAM).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 800, CarlL-C, 13 Oct (DMK); 517, Cherry Valley (Winnebago Co), 18 Nov (HA); 300, ColbertP (Champaign Co), 28 Nov (PB). Reported in 72 counties.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 22, BraidwoodL (Will Co), 14 Nov (JBH); 20, CarlL-C, 30 Sep (KAM); 19, *Grundy*, 29 Nov (JBH); 18, Rte 126 & Ridge Rd (Kendall Co), Sep 28 (ASA). Reported in 46 counties.

Mourning Dove

MC: 200, CarlL-C, 1 Sep (DMK); 146, Book Rd Sod Farms (Will Co), 8 Oct (ASA). Reported in 92 counties.

Royal Tern with two Caspian Terns. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 10 August 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Pileated Woodpecker. Elsen's Hill Forest Preserve. DuPage County. 23 September 2013. Photo by Vince Moxon.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

MC: 7, CarlL-C, 13 Sep (KAM). **LD**: 13 Oct (2), Spring Crk FP, Penny Rd (Cook Co) (CS). Reported in 37 counties.

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 1 Aug, Burnham Nature Sanctuary (Cook Co) (KT). **MC**: 3, Russell Wds FP (DeKalb Co), 2 Sep (LHe). **LD**: 9 Oct, Montrose (LGM:ph, BHg). Reported in 13 counties.

Barn Owl

MC: 5 (family group), *DuPage*, 16-23 Aug (JAS, MMr); 4, *Putnam*, 2 Aug (DFS); 4, *Edwards*, 8 Aug (CLH, RES). **Others**: Albion, (Edwards Co), 5 Sep (CLH); Vienna, (Johnson Co), 28 Sep (JV); Germantown (Clinton Co) road kill, 16 Oct (JMh **). **LD**: 10 Nov, Rosehill Cem, Chi (RW).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 3, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 15 Sep (BJS, JOS). Reported in 18 counties.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 9, *Lake*, 13 Oct (SDB, BJS); 4, Elsens Hill, 5 Oct (PAM). Reported in 42 counties.

Snowy Owl

EA: 27 Nov, UCCA (*fide* BE, m.obs.); 28 Nov, Wauk (RE); 29-30 Nov, JP, 63 St. Beach (RLS, m.obs.); 30 Nov, Minonk (Woodford Co), (SC, DC, APS, TH). **MC**: 3, 87th St. Chi, 30 Nov – 1 Dec, (SZ, DS, EDG, m.obs.). The beginning of the largest documented "super" irruption in Illinois.

Barred Owl

MC: 3, Silver Creek Pr (St. Clair Co), 7 Sep (GHy). Reported in 40 counties.

Long-eared Owl

EA: 28 Nov, Milford WTP (Iroquois Co) (ES); 29 Nov, Montrose (LGM, MCD, m.obs.:ph).

Short-eared Owl

EA: 10 Oct, Montrose (BWx); 18 Oct, IBHW (EWW). **MC**: 4, RollinsSav, 22 Oct (BJS); 4, PrRdg-J, 22 Oct (RES); 4, PrRdg-M, 30 Oct (RES, CLH). Reported in 5 counties.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

EA: 5 Oct, Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (RSt); 9 Oct, *St Clair* (BEs); 13 Oct, Pine Dunes FP (Lake Co) (SDB, BJS). **MC**: 5 & 4, SBBO, 7 Nov & 19 Oct (JLy). Reported in 7 counties.

Common Nighthawk

MC: 1923, Chi, 26 Aug (SJH); 1910, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 1 Sep (RAB); 1029, Lake Villa, 22 Aug (RAB); 643, *Winnebago*, 1 Sep (JLy). **LD**: 2 Nov, LSpfld (HDB). Reported in 50 counties.

Merlin. Loyola Beach, Cook County. 15 November 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Eastern Whip-poor-will

EA & MC: 3 Aug (2), *Grundy* (ASA); 7 Sep (2), SRSF (JIE). **LD**: 15 Sep, Cahokia MoundsSP (St. Clair Co) (SZ). Reported in 4 counties.

Chimney Swift

MC: 562, Rockton (Winnebago Co), 8 Sep (DAn). **LD**: 14 Nov, HumboltPk, Chi (SBB). Reported in 61 counties.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

MC: 20, Churchill Pk (Chi), 11 Sep (LM); 16, New Athens (St Clair Co), 28 Sep (DMK); 16, CarlL-C 17 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 16 Oct, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FB); 14 Oct, *Williamson* (JGd). Reported in 59 counties.

Rufous Hummingbird

EA: 12-29 Aug (ad ♂), Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (B & JZi:ph, DTW, DHh). **Others**: Zion (Lake Co), 11-14 Nov (EWW:ph), 1st Lake Co record.

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 6, *Kendall*, 16 Aug (JLg); 6, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 11 Aug (Ron Anderson). Reported in 68 counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 9 Sep (juv), Montrose (JLe, MCD). **MC**: 12, Collinson Ecological Area (Rock Island Co), 21 Sep (SHr); 10, Chau, 30 Aug (JLc). Reported in 67 counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 17 Sep, JP (RLS). **MC**: 21, WaterfallGlen, 8 Oct (GG); 21, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co) (DAs). Reported in 79 counties.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 13 Sep, Collinson Ecological Area (Rock Island Co) (SHr); 14 Sep, JP (RLS). **MC**: 37, NPBW, 2 Oct (GAW); 20, Burnham Nature Sanctuary, Chi, 10 Oct (KT). Reported in 43 counties.

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 25, MoraineView SP (McClean Co), 22 Sep (BMy). Reported in 79 counties.

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 14, McDowell Grove FP, 27 Aug (PAM); 11, South Shore SP (Clinton Co), 10 Nov (GAW, CLW); 9, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS); 8, SaltCrk, 20 Oct (DFS). Reported in 54 counties.

Northern Flicker

MC: 126, KankakeePks, 8 Oct (JBH); 43, Oxbow Pra, Bunker Hill FP (Cook Co) 13 Oct (TLy); 43, NPBW, 2 Oct (GAW, m.obs.). Reported in 69 counties.

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 4, Wolf Crk Causeway (Williamson Co), 4 Sep (WW); 4, HennepinL, 15 Nov (DFS). **Other**: Elsens Hill, 23 Sep (VM:ph). Reported in 45 counties.

American Kestrel

MC: 15, CarlL-C, 13 Nov (CSn); 11, *Coles* 24 Oct (TDF). Reported in 73 counties.

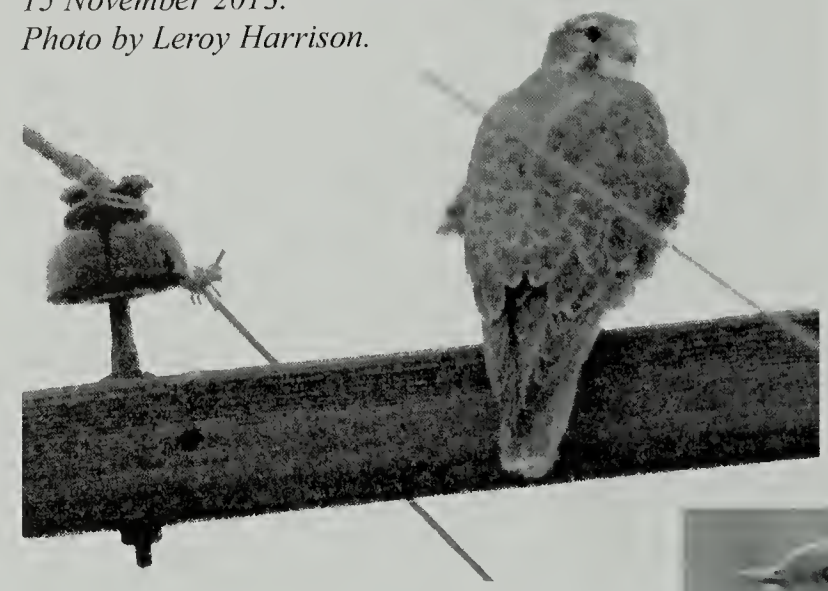
Merlin

EA: 30 Aug, Chau (JLe); 10 Sep, IBHW. **MC**: 63, IBHW, 7 Oct (PWS). **LD**: 23 Nov, GVHW (REF, m.obs.); 8 Nov, IBSP & IBHW (2) (EWW, PWS, resp.). Reported in 27 counties.

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 26, IBHW, 20 Sep (JRRS, PWS). Reported in 26 counties.

Prairie Falcon.
Bailey Wetland. Wayne County.
15 November 2013.
Photo by Leroy Harrison.



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher holding a bee.
Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, Lake County.
4 November 2013. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

PRAIRIE FALCON

EA: 8 Nov, *Coles* (TDF:ph, RB). **Others**: BaileyWet, 15-17 Nov (RES, CLH:ph). Reported in 3 counties.

Monk Parakeet

MC: 30, CalPk, 16 Nov (SBB); 26, *DuPage* 4 Sep (GP). Reported in 2 counties.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 3 Aug, Elkhorn Crk Biodiversity Pre (Ogle Co) (SAm); 15 Aug, Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (KS); 16 Aug, Grigsby Pra (Lake Co) (JVl); 16 Aug. The Grove (SCn); 16 Aug, HunterL area, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 2, SaltCrk, 24 Aug (DFS); 2, DWW (Lake Co), 28 Aug (MP); 2, JP, 31 Aug (JlE, LW); 2, Henneberry FP (Kendall Co) 1 Sep (ASA); 2, Evanston (Cook Co), 1 Sep (MMC) **LD**: 4 Oct, DouglasPk, Chi (AG, EDG). Reported in 15 counties.

Eastern Wood-Pewee

MC: 30, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 13 Oct, Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (ASA). Reported in 67 counties.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 12 Aug, Montrose (MCD). **MC**: 4, SBBO, 24 Sep (JLy). **LD**: 30 Sept, Woodford Co CA (TH). Reported in 20 counties.

Acadian Flycatcher

MC: 4, MermetL, 5 Aug (CCd). **LD**: 22 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). Reported in 16 counties.

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 23 Aug, Lincoln Gardens, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 2, Sang, 11, 14, & 17 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 28 Sep, Rock Springs Rd (Alexander Co) (JV); 27 Sep, Montrose (DKA, ABB, JNN); 20 Sep, Lincoln Gardens, Sang (HDB). Reported in 5 counties.

Willow Flycatcher

MC: 7, HerrickL FP, 1 Aug (JLr). **LD**: 28 Sep, Rock Springs Rd (Alexander Co) (JV); 25 Sep, NPBW (GAW); 21 Sep, Sang (HDB). Reported in 19 counties.

Least Flycatcher

EA: 5 Aug, Montrose (LGM); 14 Aug, Lincoln Gardens, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 7, Montrose 31 Aug (GAW). **LD**: 11 Oct, South Branch Pra (DeKalb Co) (LHe); 8 Oct, Sang (LLCC). Reported in 28 counties.

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 15, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 5 Oct (BG). **LD**: 29 Nov, Dick Young FP (Kane Co) (SDe); 26 Nov, FMNH campus (DFS). Reported in 66 counties.

Say's Phoebe. Moraine View State Park. McLean County. 5 October 2013. Photo by Ben Murphy.

SAY'S PHOEBE

EA: 23-25 Sep, GVHW (KDF, REF, JAS:ph, JPL, RLS, LM, m.obs.). **LD**: 5 Oct, Moraine View SP (McLean Co) (BMy:ph, CMy).

Great Crested Flycatcher

MC: 10, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK); 9, Sang, 15 Aug (HDB); 5, Elsens Hill, 21 Aug (LY); 5, SaltCrk, 3 Aug (ABA). **LD**: 22 Sep, Elsens Hill (PAM, ASA); 22 Sep, No Name Pk (Madison Co) (BSf); 20 Sep, Sang (HDB). Reported in 39 counties.

Western Kingbird

All reports: Fairmont City (St Clair Co), 17 Aug (ASA:ph); 1600E (Mason Co), 23 Aug (JRy, WRy); *Alexander*, 5 Sep (D&SSt).

Eastern Kingbird

MC: 30, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK); 27, Sang, 15 Aug (HDB); 25, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 12 Aug (RA). **LD**: 28 Sep, JP (CAS Walk, PD); 28 Sep, HL (FRH). Reported in 62 counties.

GRAY KINGBIRD

LD: 1 Nov, *Edwards*, (RES, KAM, APS, CLH:ph). 2nd state record.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

LD: 4-5 Nov, Ft Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD, m.obs:ph). **Other**: Havana (Mason Co), 22 Sep (CS).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 6, *Edwards*, 2 Sep (RES). Otherwise reported as singles or pairs in 9 other counties including *Jo Daviess, Henry, Woodford, Will, Bureau, Marion, Clay, Richland, Wayne and Jasper* with the latest at Banta, (Woodford Co), 29 Nov (MMl). One was photographed eating persimmons at BaileyWet, 24 Nov (CLH).

Northern Shrike

EA: 20 Oct, IBHW (PWS, ASl). **MC**: 2, Blackwell FP (DuPage Co), 28 Nov (SF). **Others**: Mineral Marsh NP (Henry Co), 10 Nov (SHr:ph); *McDonough,* 27 Nov (EF). Reported in 9 counties.

White-eyed Vireo

MC: 5, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 15 Aug (JG); 5, *Monroe,* 15 Sep (J&PDh). **LD**: 10 Nov, IBSP (EWW:ph). Reported in 27 counties.

Bell's Vireo

MC: 4, Charleston Bike Trail (Coles Co), 7 Aug (GT); 3, Fermilab, 1 Sep (GP, m.obs.); 3, Sang. 18 Aug (HDB); 3, CarlL-C, 3 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 28 Sep, *Alexander* (JV). **Others**: GalenaR Trail (Jo Daveiss Co) (2), 31 Aug (DWy). Reported in 13 counties.

Blue-headed Vireo. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 14 October 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Yellow-throated Vireo

MC: 5, CarlL-C, 30 Aug (KAM). **LD**: 12 Oct, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (EH, KWr). Reported in 34 counties.

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 27 Aug, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co) (PAM); 28 Aug, JP (JLe). **MC**: 12, CarlL-C, 12 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 8 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 29 Oct, EvergreenL (McLean Co) (AW). Reported in 26 counties.

Warbling Vireo

MC: 90, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK:ph).**LD**: 5 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK); 29 Sep, Meadowbrook Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co) (PB). Reported in 47 counties.

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 25 Aug, Burnham NS (Cook Co) (KT); 25 Aug, Quinsippil, Quincy (Adams Co) (BSl). **MC**: 7, Elsens Hill, 22 Sep (PAM). **LD**: 20 Oct, SaltCrk (DFS); 17 Oct, CONWR (JGd). Reported in 29 counties.

Red-eyed Vireo

MC: 20, CarlL-C, 14 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 17 Oct, Champaign (PB); 13 Oct, Sang (HDB). Reported in 48 counties.

Blue Jay

EA: 10 Sep, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 85, Champaign (PB); 60, CarlL-C, 13 Oct (DMK). Reported in 86 counties.

American Crow

MC: 2000, *Madison*, 10 Nov (GAW, CLW); 395, Hyde Park (Cook Co), (PRC). Reported in 85 counties.

Fish Crow

EA: 31 Aug, RiversidePk, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 10, CacheR SNA (JGd). **LD**: 30 Oct, Wolf Crk Causeway (Williamson Co) (WW). Reported in 14 counties.

Horned Lark

MC: 200, CarlL-C, 17 & 23 Nov (DMK); 130, Dunteman Sod Farm (Kane Co), 28 Sep (ASA). Reported in 50 counties.

Loggerhead Shrike eating frozen persimmon fruits. Bailey Wetland. Wayne County. 24 November 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Purple Martin

MC: 146, EvergreenL (McClean Co), 3 Aug (B & CMy); 125, HeronCP, 4 Aug (JRr); 120, LSpfld, 15 Aug (HDB). **LD**: 26 Sep, Sang (HDB); 15 Sep, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (JLe, DHh, ASA). Reported in 42 counties.

Tree Swallow

MC: 30,000, CarlL-C, 20 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 22 Nov, EForkL (CLH); 21 Nov, RockCut (DTW). Reported in 62 counties.

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW

LD: 10 Nov, IBHW (PWS:ph, KML, m.obs.). 3rd accepted Illinois record, though a 4rth record, a specimen collected May 4, 1897 from the Calumet area was lost.

Violet-green Swallow. Illinois Beach State Park. Lake County. 3 November 2013. Photo by Paul Sweet. Note the all-white face, extending behind and above the eye, separating this species from the similar Tree Swallow.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

MC: 500, TwoRivers, 12 Sep (BSf); 450 Chau, 10 Aug (KAM); 325, KankakeePks, 10 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 1 Nov (8), LRen (ASA); 1 Nov, KankakeePks (JBH). Reported in 53 counties.

Bank Swallow

MC: 400, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 19 Aug (PB, NSy, SBn). **LD**: 26 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). Reported in 37 counties.

Cliff Swallow

MC: 620+, 1BSP, 28 July (EWW). **LD**: 1 Nov, (imm) LSpfld (HDB). Latest ever for Sang. Reported in 54 counties.

Barn Swallow

MC: 300, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK); 195, Intermodal Drive Ponds, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (DTW). **LD**: 13 Nov, Marine Pt. LSpfld (HDB); 1 Nov, IBSP (PWS); 1 Nov, WhalonL (ASA). Reported in 76 counties.

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 34, CarlL-C, 25 Sep (KAM); 19, Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co) (KAM). **Other**: Busey Wds (Urbana, Champaign Co) (5), 9 Oct (TDF). Reported in 26 counties.

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 53, Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 29 Aug (DFS); 40, Morraine View SP (McLean Co), 5 Oct (BG). Reported in 58 counties.

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 46, CarlL-C, 25 Sep (KAM); 25, StarvedRock, 9 Oct (JY). **Others**: *McHenry,* 10 Nov (RSt); IBSP, 13 Oct (SDB, BJS); Montrose, 20-21 Oct (FRM, MMC, WB, m.obs.). Reported in 72 counties.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 2 Aug (2), MArb (GP); 2 Aug, *Cook* (SR); 12 Aug, *Champaign* (ZS). **MC**: 9, Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 30 Nov (EP); 7, MArb, 2 Nov (ASA); 7, IBSP, 6 Oct (NT). Reported in 30 counties; low numbers.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 20, StarvedRock, 9 Oct (JY). Reported in 76 counties.

Brown Creeper

EA: 21 Sep (2), SBBO (JLy); 21 Sep, Evanston (Cook Co) (JlE). **MC**: 17, *Rock Island,* 24 Nov (DAs); 17, RainbowB Pk, Chi, 6 Oct (Kane Co) (GAW). Reported in 47 counties.

Townsend's Solitaire.
Jon Duerr Forest Preserve.
Kane County. 7 November 2013.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.

House Wren
MC: 32, SBBO, 10 Aug (JLy); 23, Elsens Hill (PAM); 22, Sang, 14 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 5 Nov, MArb (DSr); 3 Nov, Riverbend FP (Champaign Co) (NSr, MSr). Reported in 61 counties.

Winter Wren
EA: 12 Sep, NoP (JIE); 18 Sep, *Boone* (LH). **MC**: 26, JP, 20 Oct (PRC); 11, Anna Page Pk, Rckfd, 19 Oct (DTW); 5, Sang, Oct 8 (HDB). Reported in 33 counties.

Sedge Wren
MC: 11, KankakeePks, 14 Aug (JBH); 9, HennepinL, 10 Aug (DFS). **LD**: 3 Nov, Mineral Marsh NP (Henry Co) (SHr), 1 Nov (5), BaileyWet, (CLH); 30 Oct (2), PrRdg-M (RES). Reported in 36 counties.

Marsh Wren
MC: 18, RollinsSav, 28 Sep (RDH, KKM); 12, Prairie Green, Geneva PD (Kane Co), 6 Oct (ASA, SAC). **LD**: 10 Nov, Fermi (PAM); 8 Nov, ArcolaM (TDF). Reported in 28 counties.

Carolina Wren
MC: 20, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK); 10, UCCA, 13 Oct (JGd). Reported in 70 counties.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
MC: 20, CarlL-C, 17 Aug (DMK); 19, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co.), 27 Aug (PAM). **LD**: 30 Oct (5), Wolf Creek Causeway (Williamson Co) (WW). Reported in 52 counties.

Golden-crowned Kinglet
EA: 21 Sep, Montrose (FRM, MMC, JIE, m.obs.); 21 Sep, Evanston (Cook Co) (JIE). **MC**: 35, Montrose, 2 Oct (TW); 32, *Lake*, 13 Oct (SDB, BJS); 30, CarlLL-C, 14 Oct (DMK:ph); 25, Geneseo City Cem, 14 Oct (Henry Co) (SHr). Reported in 49 counties.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
EA: 3 Sep (2), *DnPage* (LC); 17 Sep, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 80, CarlL-C, 14 & 19 Oct (DMK); 25, Elsens Hill, 8 Oct (PAM). Reported in 43 counties.

Eastern Bluebird
MC: 63, CrabtreeNC (Cook Co), 10 Nov (JCa); 45, Casper Bluff LWR (Jo Daviess Co), 26 Oct (KAB); 36, CarlL-C, 13 Nov (CSn). Reported in 72 counties.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE
EA: 7 Nov-19 Jan+, Jon Duerr FP (Kane Co), (MMg, PAM, BA, DFS, AFS, SDB, SLD, m.obs: ph).

Veery
EA: 15 Aug, Montrose (CGe); 2 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK); 3 Sep, CarpenterPk, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 8, Hidden Lks Trout Farm, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 12 Sep (SFd). **LD**: 8 Oct, Montrose (JRRS). Reported in 12 counties.

Ovenbird. Bourbonnais yard.
Kankakee County.
3 October 2013.
Photo by John Baxter.

Gray-cheeked Thrush
EA: 3 Sep, Columbus Pk, Chi (EDG); 5 Sep, EwingPk (MJW). **MC**: 13, Hidden Lks Trout Farm, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 12 Sep (SFd). **LD**: 23 Oct, Jarvis (BMn). Reported in 23 counties.

Swainson's Thrush
EA: 28 Aug (2), Sinnissippi Pk (Whiteside Co); 2 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 132, Hidden Lks Trout Farm, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 12 Sep (SFd). **LD**: 27 Oct, Montrose (TWf). Reported in 41 counties.

Hermit Thrush
EA: 8 Sep, Fox Bluff CA (McHenry Co) (RSt). **MC**: 58, CalPk, Chi, 8 Oct (WJM); 55, SBBO, 19 Oct (JLy). Reported in 38 counties.

Wood Thrush
MC: 3, Russell Wds FP (DeKalb Co), 2 Sep (LHe); 3, MackinawR SFWA (Tazewell Co), 9 Sep (MJW). **LD**: 20 Oct, BigI (Rock Island Co) (NH); 12 Oct, Bunker Hill/Yates Flatwoods (Cook Co) (TLy). Reported in 25 counties.

American Robin
MC: 1772, North Shore Channel (Cook Co), 14 Nov (RJD); 610, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 19 Oct (RAB); 600, CarlL-C, 26 Oct (DMK). Reported in 85 counties.

Gray Catbird
MC: 38, RockCut, 12 Sep (JLy); 27, Sang, 6 Oct (HDB); 26, LeSuer NP (Warren Co), 1 Sep (BN). **LD**: 29 Nov, IBSP (RK). Reported in 61 counties.

Brown Thrasher
MC: 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 8 Aug (DMK); 7, Sang, 6 Oct (HDB); 5, EwingPk, 21 Sep (BG). **LD**: 30 Nov, Metropolis (Massac Co) (AP); 23 Nov, Lincoln Gardens Pra, Spfld (HDB); 21 Nov, *Richland* (CLH); 20 Nov, KankakeePks (JBH). Reported in 47 counties.

Northern Mockingbird
MC: 8, *Monroe*, 8 Aug (DMK); 6, *Edwards*, 2 Sep (RES); 5, Midewin, 4 Aug (SZ); 5, CarlL-C, 7 Sep (DMK, NG). Reported in 28 counties.

European Starling
MC: 8000, CarlL-C, 11 &19-20 Oct (DMK); 5500, Hyde Lk/126th St. Marsh, Chi, 26 Oct & 8 Nov (WJM). Reported in 91 counties.

American Pipit
EA: 3 Sep, Dunlap WTP (Peoria Co) (EC); 21 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 50, ClintonL, 19 Oct (BG); 42, Fermi, 4 Nov (PAM); 40, Gaylord WA (Peoria Co), 17 Nov (EC). **LD**: 24 Nov, IBSP (PWS). Reported in 23 counties.

Cedar Waxwing
MC: 2887, Wauk, 21 Aug (ASl); 1100, IBHW, 1 Sep (PWS, KML, m.obs.). Reported in 54 counties.

Lapland Longspur
EA: 14 Sep, WhispWil, (JBH:ph), 14 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK:ph, CLH:ph, m.obs.); 17 Sep, GVHW (KF). **MC**: 2000, CarlyleL, 29 Nov (DMK); 1244, GVHW, 5 Nov (MBc, MAM); 400, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 15 Nov (DFS); 400, Prairie Bluff Pr (Will Co), 15 Nov (ASA). Reported in 23 eounties.

Connecticut Warbler.
Carlyle Lake. Clinton County.
25 August 2013.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Smith's Longspur
LoyolaPk, Chi, 30 Oct (JWL).

Snow Bunting
EA: 23 Oct, IBHW (PWS); 23 Oct, Montrose (MCD); 27 Oct, GVHW (KF, UG). **MC**: 50, GVHW, 26 Nov (DKl, m.obs.); 35, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 15 Nov (DFS). Reported in 13 counties.

Ovenbird
EA: 23 Aug, EwingPk (MJW); 24 Aug (2), SBBO (JLy); 24 Aug, Weldon Springs SP (De Witt Co) (AW). **MC**: 15, 21 Sep, SBBO (JLy); 8, EwingPk, 12 Sep (MJW, SAu). **LD**: 6 Nov, JP (PRC). Reported in 39 counties.

Worm-eating Warbler
EA: 24 Aug, Weldon Springs SP (De Witt Co) (AW). **LD**: 9 Sep, LBloom (BG); 29 Sep, *Kankakee* (JBH:ph). Reported in 5 counties.

Louisiana Waterthrush
LD: 27 Aug, Sangchris, Sang (HDB); 25 Aug, Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co) (JAS); 24 Aug, TwoRivers (GHy). Reported in 5 counties.

Northern Waterthrush
EA: 28 Jul, Jarvis (LGM). **MC**: 10, SBBO, 31 Aug (JLy); 7, DouglasPk, Chi (EDG, AG). **LD**: 5 Nov, Jarvis (LGM). Reported in 33 counties.

Golden-winged Warbler
EA: 17 Aug (2), Elsens Hill (PAM). **MC**: 9, Sang, 6 Sep (HDB); 7, Elsens Hill, 6 Sep (PAM). **LD**: 7 Oct, MArb (DKl). Reported in 26 counties.

Blue-winged Warbler
EA: 27 Jul, KCP (MJ). **MC**: 10, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co.) 2 Sep (GT, VT); 5, EwingPk, 12 Sep (MJW, SAu). **LD**: 25 Sep, Cooper Pk, East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (MJW). Reported in 20 counties.

Black-and-white Warbler
EA: 16 Aug, Jarvis (LGM); 16 Aug, Montrose (MCD). **MC**: 10, Sugar Grove NC, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 21 Sep (BMy); 10, EwingPk, 21 Sep (MJW); 9, Sang, Sep 12 (HDB); 9, BuseyWds, 21 Sep (PB). **LD**: 31 Oct, Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH). Reported in 42 counties.

Prothonotary Warbler
MC: 4, TwoRivers, 14 Aug (BSf). **LD**: 17 Sep, Lincoln Gardens, Spfld (HDB); 15 Sep, Meredosia NWR (DHh, ASA, JLe); 14 Sep, BigI (Rock Island Co) (NH). **Others**: GrantPk, 4 Sep (DFS). Reported in 14 counties.

Tennessee Warbler
EA: 23 Jul, GrantPk (DFS). **MC**: 68, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 3 Sep (PAM), 45, Woodford Co CA, 30 Sep (TH). **LD**: 20 Oct (3), CarlL-C (DMK); 19 Oct, Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH). Reported in 48 counties.

Orange-crowned Warbler
EA: 12 Sep, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RAB). **MC**: 30, CarlL-C, 14 Oct (DMK); 9, ColumbusPk Chi, 22 Oct, (EDG); 7, LincPk (SJH). **LD**: 26 Nov, JP (RLS); 19 Nov, Anna Page Pk, Rckfd (DTW). Reported in 33 counites.

Nashville Warbler
EA: 24 Aug, RiversidePk, Spfld (HDB); 31 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 22, Elsens Hill, 12 Sep (PAM). **LD**: 5 Nov, LincPk (LGM). Reported in 50 counties.

Connecticut Warbler
EA: 25 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 27 Aug (imm), Sangchris (HDB). **Others**: JP, 13 Sep (RLS). **MC**: 2, Hickory Knolls NA (Kane Co), 26 Sep (TB); 2, McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 3 Sep (PAM). **LD**: 8 Oct, Elsens Hill (PAM). Reported in 7 counties.

Mourning Warbler
EA: 19 Aug, Montrose (EG); 24 Aug, RiversidePk, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 3, Montrose, 26 Aug (LGM); 3, JP, 31 Aug (RLS). **LD**: 6 Oct, JP (PRC); 5 Oct (imm ♂), SBBO (JLy). **Others**: Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 1 Sep (CLH); Franklin Creek SNA (Lee Co), 31 Aug (DFS). Reported in 16 counties.

Kentucky Warbler
EA: 16 Aug, Lincoln Gardens, Spfld (HDB). **Others**: MArb, 2 Sep (MN, JZ); Quinsippil, Quincy (Adams Co), 7 Sep (BSl). Reported in 5 counties.

Common Yellowthroat
MC: 30, GLPSNA, 3 Aug (ASA); 17, Sang, 5 Sep (HDB); 17, KankakeePks, 18 Sep (JBH). **LD**: 5 Nov, Ft Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (JV, PAM); 29 Oct, HennepinL (DFS). Reported in 58 counties.

Hooded Warbler
EA: Montrose, 24-25 Sep (ABB:ph, FRM, MCD, LGM, SSt). **LD**: 5 Oct (juv ♀), SBBO (JLy); 4 Oct, Iris Pk (Peoria Co) (EC). Rarely detected in fall – only reported in 3 counties.

American Redstart
EA: 28 Jul, Univ of Chi (Cook Co) (RLS); 3 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 7 Aug, Montrose (ZD); 9 Aug, RiversidePk, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 60, CarlL-C, 28 Sep (DMK); 35, Spring Valley WS (Cook Co), 11 Sep (SAC). **LD**: 17 Oct, *Kankakee* (JBH). Reported in 53 counties.

Cape May Warbler
EA: 15 Aug, GrantPk (AMz). **MC**: 10, GrantPk (DEW). **LD**: 8 Oct, JP (RLS). Reported in 18 counties.

Cerulean Warbler
No reports.

Northern Parula
EA: 31 Aug, Bemis Wds FP-No. (Cook Co) (DFS). **MC**: 20, CarlL-C, 28 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 10 Nov, Lyons Wds FP (UWG); 22 Oct, ColumbusPk, Chi (EDG); 19 Oct, BuseyWds (MSr, NSr); 13 Oct, Center Pk, Spfld (HDB). Reported in 34 counties.

Magnolia Warbler
EA: 17 Aug (2), Elsens Hill (PAM); 17 Aug (imm), Riverside Pk, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 25, EwingPk, 12 Sep (MJW, SAu); 20, Elsens Hill, 12 Sep (PAM); 17, Sang, 12 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 19 Oct, The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co) (SCn); 19 Oct, Mattis Lk, Champaign (PB, LBn). Reported in 40 counties.

Bay-breasted Warbler
EA: 28 Aug, Knoch KnollsPk (Will Co) (DKl); 29 Aug, Sangchris (HDB). **MC**: 5, EwingPk, 29 Sep (BMy). **LD**: 13 Oct, Montrose (JIE, AG, RDH). Reported in 31 counties.

Blackburnian Warbler
EA: 9 Aug, RiversidePk, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 5, Elsens Hill, 6 Sep (PAM); 5, Sang, 18 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 14 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). Reported in 29 counties.

Yellow Warbler
MC: 7, JP, 4 Aug (PRC). **LD**: 24 Oct, White Oak Pk, Bloomington (McClean Co) (MJW). Reported in 22 counties.

Chestnut-sided Warbler
EA: 11 Aug, Casper Bluff LWR (Jo Daviess Co) (VS). **MC**: 20, EwingPk, 12 Sep (MJW, SAu). **LD**: 12 Oct, Marsh Rd, Sang (HDB); 12 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Oct, Elsens Hill (PAM); 9 Oct, *Kankakee* (JBH). Reported in 44 counties.

Blackpoll Warbler
EA: 28 Aug (2), Willowbrook Wildlife Center (DuPage Co) (RSy); 28 Aug (2), Knoch Knolls Pk (Will Co) (DKl). **MC**: 24, GrantPk, 4 Sep (DEW). **LD**: 26 Oct, LUREC (SMn). **Others**: CarlL-C, 14-15 Sep (DMK:ph, m.obs.). Reported in 24 counties.

Black-throated Blue Warbler
EA: 27 Aug, *Boone* (LHe). **MC**: 2, in various locations in *Cook, Dupage, Coles, & Winnebago* from 6 Sep – 5 Oct. **LD**: 20 Oct, Montrose (MMC:ph, FRM). Reported in 19 counties.

Palm Warbler
EA: 31 Aug (4), Montrose (DKA, m.obs.); 31 Aug, MArb (EH, KWr); 31 Aug, IBSP (BJS). **MC**: 100, NorthierlyI, 2 Oct (JLg). **LD**: 10 Nov (3), Fermi (PAM). Reported in 35 counties.

Pine Warbler
EA: 16 Aug, *DuPage* (DL). **MC**: 4, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 5 Oct (BG). **LD**: 17 Nov, Montrose (GAW). Reported in 18 counties.

Yellow-rumped Warbler
EA: 1 Sep, CBG (CH). **MC**: 400, CarlL-C, 12, 14 & 19 Oct (DMK); 325, DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co), 8 Oct (PAM). Reported in 65 counties.

Yellow-throated Warbler
EA: 4 Aug (HY ♂) SBBO (JLy). **MC**: 3, Sang, 23 Aug (HDB).

Yellow-rumped Warbler. Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. Lake County. 24 September 2013. Photo by Andy Pay.

Prairie Warbler. Dam No. 4 (South) Woods Forest Preserve. Park Ridge. Cook County. 19 November 2013. Photo by Chris Kurylowicz.

LD: 7 Oct, Scott AFB (St Clair Co) (GHy). Reported in 13 counties.

Prairie Warbler
EA: 4 Sep, HL (DAh). **LD**: 19 Nov (imm ♂), Park Ridge, Dam #4 S Wds FP, Des PlainesR (Cook Co) (CK:ph). Only two reports.

Black-throated Green Warbler
EA: 16 Aug, *Richland* (CLH); 17 Aug, Elsens Hill (PAM); 24 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 80, 28 Sep & 12 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK); 18, Sang, 17 Sep (HDB);16, Meadowbrook Pk, Urbana (Champaign Co), 29 Sep (PB). **LD**: 23 Oct, Elsens Hill (PAM); 21 Oct, *Champaign* (PB). Reported in 45 counties.

Canada Warbler
EA: 17 Aug, Montrose (CL, JSi). **MC**: 5, Riverside Pk, Spfld, 24 Aug (HDB). **LD**: 25 Oct, LoyolaPk, Chi (JCv, MMC: ph). Reported in 22 counties.

Wilson's Warbler
EA: 17 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 17 Aug, Elsens Hill (PAM). **MC**: 9, JP, 31 Aug (PD, m.obs.). **LD**: 15 Nov, Lincoln Land Community College (Sangamon Co) (VMK). Reported in 27 counties.

Yellow-breasted Chat
EA: 12-13 Nov, Winslow (Stephenson Co) (MQK). **MC**: 3, *Winnebago*, 4 Aug (HA). **LD**: 29 Sep, Sangchris (HDB). Reported in 14 counties.

Spotted Towhee
EA: 17 Oct (♀), Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB). **Others**: Oak Ridge Cem, Spfld (♂), Oct 24 (HDB); SBBO (HY ♀), 26 Oct (JLy).

Eastern Towhee
MC: 14, LowdMil, 14 Sep (RCe); 12, Wolf Creek Causeway (Williamson Co), 29 Aug (WW); 10, Sang, 8 Oct (HDB). **LD**: 12 Nov, HunterL, Sang (HDB). Reported in 57 counties.

American Tree Sparrow
EA: 3 Oct, Montrose (BHg). **MC**: 140, HennepinL, 29 Nov (DFS); 66, ClintonL, 22 Nov (MEF). Reported in 36 counties.

Chipping Sparrow
MC: 87, LUREC, 21 Sep (SMn); 66, SBBO, 12 Oct (JLy). **LD**: 28 Nov, *Grundy* (DFS); 28 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 23 Nov, *Kankakee* (JBH); 21 Nov, Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (SFd); 19 Nov, JP (RLS). Reported in 70 counties.

Clay-colored Sparrow
EA: 21 Sep, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 2 in four counties: *Lake, Cook, DuPage & Boone* from 17 Sep – 11 Oct. **LD**: 1 Nov, ClintonL (MEF). Reported in 11 counties.

Field Sparrow
MC: 40, Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 5 Oct (BG); 24, SBBO, 5 Oct (JLy). **LD**: 22 Nov (2), Sang (HDB); 26 Nov (2), *Kankakee* (JBH). Reported in 59 counties.

Spotted Towhee. Sand Bluff Bird Observatory. Winnebago County. 26 October 2013. Photo by John Longhenry.

Grasshopper Sparrow. Richland County. 27 October 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Nelson's Sparrow. Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. Lake County. 24 September 2013. Photo by Andy Pay.

Lincoln's Sparrow. Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. Lake County. 29 September 2013. Photo by Phil Hauck.

Vesper Sparrow
MC: 6, H & E Sod Farms (Kankakee Co), 1 Sep (JBH); 6, *Coles*, 24 Oct (TDF). **LD**: 2 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK); 1 Nov, Sangchris (HDB). Reported in 28 counties.

Lark Sparrow
EA: 30 Aug, Montrose (JRRS). **MC**: 2, *Brown,* 17 Aug (ASA:ph). **LD**: 12 Oct, *Whiteside* (DTW). Reported in 11 counties.

Savannah Sparrow
EA: 22 Sep, CarlL-C (DMK); 25 Sep, Sangchris (HDB). **MC**: 75, PrRdg-M, 30 Oct (RES); 65, HL, 3 Nov (FRH). **LD**: 25 Nov, Montrose (DWr). Reported in 39 counties.

Grasshopper Sparrow
MC: 18, Midewin, 3 Aug (ASn, RSn). **LD**: 27 Oct, *Richland* (CLH:ph). Reported in 13 counties.

Henslow's Sparrow
MC: 10, Fermi, 10 Aug (KW); 8, GLPSNA, 3 Aug, (ASA). **LD**: 30 Oct, Silver Creek Pr (St Clair Co) (GHy); 19 Oct, Concordia Cem (Cook Co) (JSA); 18 Oct, Montrose (MCD, PAM, m.obs.). **Others**: Sibley CA (Ford Co) (2), 7 Aug (ESn). Reported in 17 counties.

Le Conte's Sparrow
EA: 19 Aug – 11 Sep, KankakeePks (JBH:ph); 22 Sep, Wauk (ASl). **MC**: 7, Greenview Wetland (Woodford Co) 14 Oct (TH); 5, PrRdg-M, 30 Oct (RES). **LD**: 3 Nov, Woodford Co CA (MJW, SAu, TA). Reported in 15 counties.

Nelson's Sparrow
EA: 12 Sep, Montrose (MCD). **MC**: 15, Montrose, 6 Oct (MMC:ph, GAW, CLW, m.obs.); 14, RollinsSav, 3 Oct (SDB); 7, Prairie Green Pk, Geneva (Kane Co), 12 Oct (JLe. ASA). **LD**: 21 Oct (2), Montrose (MCD). Reported in 19 counties.

Fox Sparrow
EA: 29 Sep, Lincoln Pk--NP (SJH); 29 Sep, Montrose (MCD, GAW, SZ, BHg). **MC**: 23, Elsens Hill, 10 Oct (PAM) & 27 Oct (LY). Reported in 33 counties.

Song Sparrow
MC: 55, RollinsSav, 29 Sep (APy); 34, KankakeePks, 23 Oct (JBH). Reported in 57 counties.

Lincoln's Sparrow
EA: 2 Sep, MoraineHills (C & LMr). **MC**: 19, Centennial Pra, Burnham Pk, Chi, 6 Oct (GAW). **LD**: 15 Nov, Chi (LR:ph). Reported in 31 counties.

Swamp Sparrow
EA: 12 Sep, Montrose (JGz). 22 Sep, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 75, Prairie Green Pk, Geneva (Kane Co), 6 Oct (ASA, SAC). Reported in 42 counties.

White-throated Sparrow
EA: 13 Sep, Elsens Hill (DL). **MC**: 755, JP, 8 Oct (RLS). Reported in 61 counties.

Harris's Sparrow
EA: 16 Sep (imm), Gillson (SCn). **LD**: 29 Nov, *Monroe* (DJM); 19 Nov, Jarvis (LGM, MMC, FRM, JRRS, m.obs.). Reported in 3 counties.

White-crowned Sparrow
EA: 11 Sep (juv), Montrose (JAa). **MC**: 75, Northerlyl, 2 Oct (JLg); 75, Douglas Pk, Chi, 4 Oct (EDG, AG). Reported in 46 counties.

Dark-eyed Junco
EA: 21 Sep (3), Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (JRS); 21 Sep (2), Burnham Pra (Cook Co) (AG); 21 Sep, The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co) (SCn). **MC**: 158, JP, 24 Oct (RLS). Reported in 61 counties.

Summer Tanager
MC: 4, CarlL-C, 30 Sep (KAM); 4, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 22 Sep (SLa). **LD**: 10 Oct, Springdale Cem (Peoria Co) (LS). Reported in 28 counties.

Scarlet Tanager
MC: 7, Elsens Hill, 12 Sep (LY). **LD**: 14 Oct, The Grove, Glenview (Cook Co) (TLy); 13 Oct, KankakeePks (JBH); 12 Oct (2), Cantigny Pk, Wheaton (DuPage Co) (DL, JC); 11 Oct (2), Lincoln Gardens, Spfld (HDB); 8 Oct, JP (RLS). Reported in 36 counties.

Northern Cardinal
MC: 32, Kickapoo SRA (Vermilion Co), 6 Sep (JRr). Reported in 85 counties.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
MC: 45, Bunker Hill/Yates Flatwoods, Chi, 21 Sep (TLy); 25, Sugar Grove NC, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 21 Sep (BMy). **LD**: 26 Oct, Lincoln Marsh NA, Wheaton (DuPage Co) (JCa). Reported in 43 counties.

Blue Grosbeak
MC: 6, *Edwards*, 2 Sep (RES). **LD**: 6 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK); 4 Oct (2), Sang (HDB); 4 Oct, *Wayne* (CLH); 1 Oct, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co.) (RES). Reported in 26 counties.

Indigo Bunting
MC: 30, *Monroe*, 8 Aug (DMK); 22, BannerM (Peoria Co), 3 Sep (EC). **LD**: 20 Oct, Schroeder WS (McLean Co) (MJW, SAu); 20 Oct, Cinder Flats, LSpfld (HDB). Reported in 76 counties.

Dickcissel
MC: 22, Midewin, 3 Aug (ASn, RSn). **LD**: 13 Oct (3), Hickory Ridge (Douglas Co) (TDF). Reported in 39 counties.

Bobolink
MC: 52, KankakeePks, 9 Sep (JBH); 45, Henneberry FP (Kendall Co), 29 Aug (ASA); 45, Spring Creek FP-- Galloping Hill (Cook Co), 16 Aug (JVl). **LD**: 16 Oct, Lock & Dam 13, Fulton (Whiteside Co) (DHh). Reported in 23 counties.

Red-winged Blackbird
MC: 10,100, HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS); 4600, *Carroll,* 27 Oct (CB, EB). Reported in 79 counties.

Eastern Meadowlark
MC: 22, PrRdg-M, 30 Oct (RES). LD: 27 Nov, Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (JHt); 24 Nov, Nipper Pra, Sang (HDB). Reported in 55 counties.

Western Meadowlark
MC: 3, H & E Sod Farms (Kankakee Co), 31 Aug (JAS, JIN). **LD**: 23 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK:ph); 13 Oct, Tampico (Whiteside Co) (DHh). Reported in 6 counties.

Yellow-headed Blackbird
EA: 9 Aug, Wolf Creek Causeway (Williamson Co) (WW); 27 Aug, Montrose (MCD, TB, m.obs). **LD**: 27 Oct, Fermi (ASn, RSn, PAM). Reported in 5 counties. Scarce.

Rusty Blackbird
EA: 13 Sep, Lone Grove FP (Kane Co) (TB); 15 Sep, MermetL (SZ); 17 Sep, Montrose (MCD).
MC: 565, ClintonL, 1 Nov (MEF); 65, IBHW, 5 Nov (BZ). **LD**: Reported in 29 counties.

Brewer's Blackbird
MC: 30, CarlL-C, 16 Nov (BR); 15, Dunham Rd Sod Farm (McHenry Co), 1 Sep (SDB). Reported in 11 counties.

Common Grackle
MC: 7650, HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS). Reported in 67 counties.

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE
Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co), 20 Aug, (NSy, HP, SBn:ph, et al:ph).

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 3000, CarlL-C, 11 Oct (DMK); 1000, Meredosia, Four Corners (Morgan Co), 25 Aug (JAS); 1000, Emiquon, 5 Oct (WRs). Reported in 60 counties.

Orchard Oriole
MC: 14, IBSP, 2 Aug (EWW). **LD**: 4 Sep, Silver Creek Pr (St Clair Co) (GHy). Reported in 11 counties.

Baltimore Oriole
MC: 9, Sang, 22 Aug (HDB); 8, Bunker Hill/Yates Flatwoods, Chi, 18 Aug (TLy); 8, Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co), 15 Aug (WJM). **LD**: 24 Nov, DuPageR FP (Will Co) (MAM); 19 Nov (1st yr), Jon J. Duer FP (JJD). Reported in 41 counties.

Great-tailed Grackle.
Morgan County. 20 August 2013.
Photo by Tony Ward.

House Finch
MC: 80, Urbana (Champaign Co), 19 Oct (PB, LBn); 70, Tyler Creek FP (Kane Co), 10 Nov (DFS). Reported in 55 counties.

Purple Finch
EA: 3 Sep, *Lake* (BN). **MC**: 18, NelsonL/ Dick Young FP (Kane Co), 2 Nov (BA, TM, m.obs.).
Reported in 24 counties. Low numbers.

Pine Siskin
EA: 29 Sep, *McHenry (*CMr, LMr). **MC**: 158, IBHW, 15 Nov (JRRS). Reported in 11 counties.

American Goldfinch
MC: 450, IBSP, 12 Oct (EWW); 390, HennepinL, 29 Oct (DFS); 350, IBSP, 19 Oct (EWW); 320, IBHW, 11 Oct (JRRS). Reported in 83 counties.

House Sparrow
MC: 400, CarlL-C, 13 Oct (DMK); 173, Montrose, 8 Sep (GAW). Reported in 73 counties.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 100, Chau, 9 Aug (KAM). **Others**: Hahnaman (Whiteside Co) (20), 30 Oct (DHh). Reported in 20 counties.

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Lincoln Land Community College, Spfld, 4 Sep (VMK et al.:ph).

Yellow-fronted Canary.
Lincoln Land Community College.
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